

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Library Board closes Lovells branch

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Due to various legal concerns, the Lovells branch of the Crawford County Library System (CCLS) was ordered to close by the CCLS board on June 24. The action was taken as a response to contract issues and concern surrounding operations within the Lovells branch that were potentially in violation of Michigan law.

The issue began in December, when the yearly Branch Library Agreement, a contract between the CCLS Board of Trustees and the Township of Lovells, went unsigned by Lovells officials. Each of the five CCLS branches is required to agree upon an operating contract every year in order to remain a satellite of the CCLS.

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Heritage Day festival to take musical direction

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

This year, the Crawford County Museum will be hosting its annual Heritage Day Festival on July 4. The event will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Once again, it will focus on the rich cultural and historical heritage of Crawford County, albeit with a few changes.

"We thought we would take a different approach," said Kay Cosgray, chairperson for the Crawford County Historical Society. Specifically, this is going to be an entirely music oriented event. Artists will begin performing at the museum immediately after the Independence Day parade ends.

"The music aspect of it - that's also part of our heritage and we wanted to go in that direction," said Cosgray. Among the attending bands will be The Banjo Picker and

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BEATING THE HEAT



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Erika Cannoy, 6, of Grayling swam in the AuSable River near the City Park to help fight the heat on Monday. Below, several youth at the park cooled off by jumping off the bridge into the river.



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Grayling Youth Booster Club & Grayling Area Lions

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 4

Independence Day Parade

11 a.m., Michigan Avenue
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Grayling City Park Activities:

Drama Music

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 - Karaoke 1 p.m.
 - Karaoke Master Final 6 p.m.
 - Limbo, Hula Hoop, Line Dancing & Dance Contest
 - Guest performers throughout the day.

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Games

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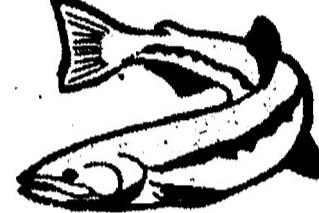
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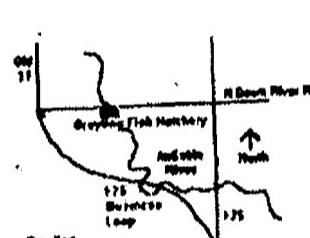
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Rodmakers share love of bamboo

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Fly fishing enthusiasts who prefer to use wood for going after trout recently held their annual gathering in Grayling.

A group called Rodmakers at Grayrock held their 11th annual meeting at the Rayburn Lodge last week. The members of the organization craft their own bamboo fly fishing poles or are fishermen who want to learn how to make their own poles.

The rodmakers come to Grayling to fish the hex hatch, then share their love of crafting bamboo poles over the weekend.

The initial organizers for the gathering were brought together through a newsletter called "The Paining Form," which is devoted to handcrafting bamboo fly rods.

"Most of us don't know each other because we're scattered all over the states," said Dennis Highman of Wayne, Illinois.

The group held their first meetings in Pennsylvania, then chose to congregate in Grayling to spend more time on the river and less time on the road.

"It's the fun of sharing our fishing experiences, the rods and the friendships we have built over the years," said Wayne Cattanach of Casnovia.

Cattanach, the author of a book titled "Handcrafting Bamboo Rods," said there has been a resurgence in building bamboo fly rods due to the plethora of information available through the Internet.

Dennis Reiter of Fort Wayne, caught a trout on his fifth cast with the first bamboo fly rod he made this year.

"To fish with a rod you have made is gratifying because it's



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Bret Reiter casts a bamboo fly rod handcrafted by his cousin, Dennis Reiter, at the Rodmakers at Grayrock's annual meeting held at the Rayburn Lodge last week.

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A former bookkeeper for a Grayling hotel was cleared of embezzlement charges last week.

A jury rendered a not guilty verdict for Toby Joseph Shambarger, 36, for a charge of embezzlement agent/trustee of \$20,000 or more on June 22.

The jury deliberated for about three hours.

Shambarger, the former bookkeeper for the Holiday Inn of Grayling, was accused of taking about \$28,000 from the hotel between March 29, 2002 and July 31, 2003.

While working for the hotel,

Shambarger was in charge of keeping track of financial records from the Holiday Inn's hotel, lounge and restaurant operations, as well as for money received from vending contracts.

Shambarger, who was not a trained bookkeeper, testified that he was following the accounting protocols established by the hotel.

Mickey Perez, a Grayling accountant, testified as an expert witness for Shambarger and assisted defense attorney Terrence Bloomquist with the case. Perez testified that she thought the hotel should have had accounts to reconcile tips

paid out to waiters and waitresses to account for funds removed from the envelopes used to hold money and financial records.

"Sloppy accounting practices results in a disaster for everyone involved," Bloomquist told the jury.

Sales reports and deposit slips from the hotel were reviewed by a Certified Public Accountant before being turned over to Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhardt from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police.

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss argued that Shambarger removed money from envelopes used to hold financial records and money

collected from the hotel's various operations, then altered the figures written on the front of the envelopes.

"It's common sense that you make sure it's all there. Otherwise, you are going to be the first person that gets asked when something is missing," Huss told the jury during his closing argument.

Shambarger's jury trial lasted five days. A total of 250 exhibits, which included stacks and boxes of financial records from the hotel, were used as exhibits for the trial.

Shambarger had faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

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Friends, a local group that will be participating at the event for the third straight year. This group's classic folk tunes have never failed to capture the energy of the crowd in years past.

Also playing is Lacey Hartzell, a local fiddler who will be playing alongside her father. At press time, Crawford County Historical Society members were in the process of recruiting addi-

tional musical talents. Additionally, community musicians are welcome to show up at the day of the event and play.

"It's a jam session, so anyone that wants to come down can," said Cosgray. The only requirement is that guest musicians stick with folk music, country and bluegrass. After all, this is the music that most accurately reflects Crawford County's heritage.

"The logging camps- they played their harmonicas and their fiddles," said Cosgray. Watermelon and lemonade will both be served at the event. Guests are welcome to tour the

recently redesigned and expanded displays in the museum.

Also, the event marks the last chance to be entered in the drawing for free tickets to the "Grayling Steam Special," a 26 mile round-trip train ride on the engine that served as the inspiration for the digital "Polar Express." To qualify for the drawing, purchase a one year membership with the Crawford County Historical Society.

Note that memberships can be purchased all year long, but only new or renewed memberships, purchased on or before July 4, will qualify citizens for the drawing.

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Facelift at Mercy Hospital completed

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling unveiled renovations made in the hospital's surgery department and maternal and newborn wing last week.

The areas of the hospital, which received a \$2.6 million facelift, were opened up for the community last week during an open house.

The hospital's newborn and maternal center had not undergone structural changes since 1950.

The upgrades include adding four private Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Post Partum rooms, which include private bathrooms, where mothers can give birth and recover in the same room. The family waiting area in the newborn center was also expanded during the renovations.

"We have so many people who want to be here when the babies are born so the added space has really worked out well," said Vince Schultz, an OB/GYN for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

The nursery and storage area for medicine were redesigned in the newborn center.

Stephanie Reimer-Matuzak, the CEO for Mercy Hospital Grayling, said the renovations were part of hospital's strategic plan since the newborn center is in the oldest part of the facility.

"We needed to take that next step because we really were not



Photo by Dan Sanderson
Dr. Vince Schultz, an OB/GYN at Mercy Hospital Grayling, displays a remote used to control the lighting in one of the hospital's new Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Post Partum rooms.

meeting the expectations of our patients who came to the hospital to have a baby," Reimer-Matuzak said.

Mercy Hospital delivers about 300 babies per year.

The surgical department at Mercy hospital Grayling had also not undergone structural changes since the 1950s, with the exception of adding a third operating room in the 1980s.

The upgrades included expanding the size and capacity of the two lesser used surgical rooms, which allows technological equipment to be used in all of the rooms.

"We are now able to be more flexible in the surgery department because we have three rooms that can be used for everything that we do here at the hospital," Reimer-Matuzak said.

Construction crews have been working on the facelift at the hospital since July, 2004 so areas have been closed off while other spots have continued to be used.

"Overall, everyone has been very excited about moving forward at the hospital and both the staff and the construction crews worked together to make the project a success," Reimer-Matuzak said.

Special Olympics canoe race designed to yield fun for all

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Although only one Canoe Marathon paddling team will be the first to cross the finish line in Oscoda this year, there will be at least one event taking place during marathon weekend in which everyone is a winner. Starting at 4:30 p.m. on July 29 at Penrod's, during the second day of the Canoe Marathon time trial sprints, the Knights of Columbus will host their annual Special Olympics canoe race.

"This puts smiles on their faces and almost all the Olympians come back the next year," said John Cherven, an event volunteer who is a member of the Knights of Columbus and treasurer of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The Knights of Columbus donate \$300 to fund the event each year and provide volunteers to work the race. They aren't the only ones who

help out.

"We always have plenty of volunteers from the Marathon," said Cherven. Each special Olympian is paired with a professional paddler from the Canoe Marathon. The pro paddler, who rides in the back of the boat, provides most of the muscle as the canoe races upstream and then back down. Of course, this "race" is not really about competition.

"It's another one of these Marathon traditions that's just become a lot of fun," said Cherven. Just a few of the fan favorite paddlers to join in on the fun in years past include Robert Bradford, Lynne Witte, Bill Torongo and Matthew Rimer. All these paddlers and more are likely to return for this year's event.

"Generally, we get new sign ups, plus the same ones year after year, who race with the same paddler," said Jane Croze,

a Special Olympics program organizer from the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District. In fact, many paddlers stay in touch with their special Olympic partner throughout the year. Cherven mentioned that a paddler who lives as far away as New Hampshire has remained in touch with a local special Olympian.

"There's just been a real connection," said Croze. "The special needs students all love being involved in sporting events."

On average, there are about 15-20 special needs participants each year. After the event, each special Olympian is invited to the annual Paddlers' Dinner. At the dinner, each participant is individually recognized and presented with a medal and/or commemorative hat.

"It just makes you feel good," said Cherven. As an additional boost to Special Olympics programs throughout the state, 10%

of all Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon entry fees is donated to the Michigan Special Olympics each year. This usually adds up to about \$600. The Canoe Marathon Committee presents this money to Special Olympics officials at the Paddlers' Dinner.

All in all, the event seems to be a highlight of the AuSable River Festival for everyone involved.

"The day it's over (the special Olympians) start talking about it...until it's ready to start back up in the summer," said Croze. To sign up a special needs student for this year's race, contact Jane Croze at 989-348-8668.



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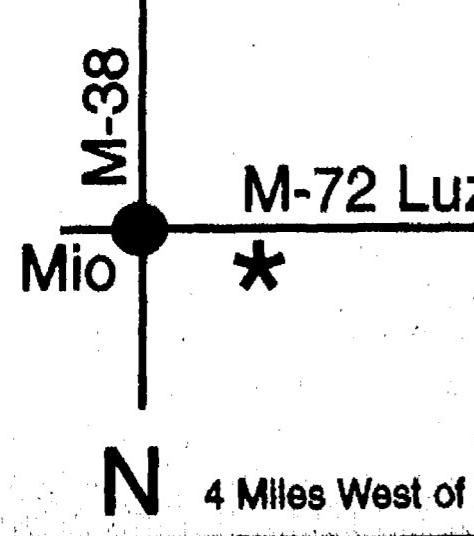
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

For America's birthday, cherish the First Amendment

AT THE RISK of casting a cloud over traditional carefree Fourth of July picnics, barbecues, ball games, and other vacation activities, let's pause sometime during the next few days to consider why we're celebrating Independence Day.

Our United States Constitution is a remarkable document. The rights and protections it grants to us as citizens have helped make our experimental system of self-government work effectively for more than 200 years, and to many around the globe, become a beacon of hope for the world.

One reason is the First Amendment. Here's what the First Amendment says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

And that's it in the famous First Amendment — freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right for people to assemble peacefully, the right to petition our government.

The next nine original amendments cover other rights granted to American citizens, which in my opinion are not as fundamental as those in the First Amendment. Together the first 10 amendments form the cherished Bill of Rights of the American Constitution.

They have stood the test of time, and have not been amended since first adopted.

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT lists several things Congress — and by extension any lawmaking body — cannot do.

When an ordinary person, such as this writer, studies the words of the First Amendment, the answer to many of today's controversial issues becomes pretty clear.

But to lawyers and constitutional theorists, it's all in the interpretation.

For example, the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Doesn't that mean Congress cannot "establish" an official religion, nor prohibit anyone from practicing a chosen religion?

If I believe in God, for example, why cannot I express that belief in public buildings? Do not laws prohibiting such open expression of a chosen religion therefore contradict the constitution?

Congress — or any other lawmaking body — cannot "abridge" or limit freedom of speech or freedom of the press. Do not the people, either directly or through the "press," have the right to know everything that is going on in government? How can any information be withheld from the public?

When a judge sends a reporter to jail

because the reporter refuses to divulge how or from whom certain information is gathered, isn't the court "abridging" the freedom of the press in violation of the constitution?

Does freedom of speech mean freedom of expression? Can not a dissenting citizen choose to express his dissent by burning a flag, and doesn't he deserve protection by the First Amendment for doing so? Who decides what is free speech?

* * *

WE COULD GO on and on applying the words and standards set by the First Amendment to issues which arise today. But the point is this:

Every action of government at any level first should be evaluated by how it squares with the fundamental rights and freedoms granted by the First Amendment to our original constitution, and not amended since its adoption.

In too many instances, I fear, the rights

of the people — all the people — get buried in the emotion of the moment. Respecting these rights may become inconvenient. The welfare of the many, as perceived by those in charge, may override the constitutional rights of the few, which become ignored, at least temporarily, and the erosion is underway.

The first steps away from freedom are tiny ones.

As our nation's birthday approaches, let's all remember, if only for a few moments, the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights, which arguably have proven to be the most significant part of our country's foundation.

Those Founding Fathers knew what they were doing.

Let's not screw it up now.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Do we know the health and environmental effects of gas wells?

To the editor:

I hope that you will publish this public meeting as it affects all of us in this area regarding more gas wells. Read it very carefully and wonder what are the ramifications of having two wells near each other, each drilling at different depths. Do we know the health and environmental affects from that? This has to be proven, I believe. Someone needs to question that there are 7800 Antrim gas wells in this area. I hope that others reading this will spread the word and come to this public meeting that could affect you.

At a local Township meeting in Lewiston last fall the DEQ, on tape, admitted to not having enough people to monitor the wells they have. We have it on tape. Now they want to approve more wells? Hope to see you all there as this will have an impact on the aesthetic beauty and quality of life in Northern Michigan.

The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the University Center in Gaylord, located just east of Old US 27 (Center Avenue), about one and one-quarter miles north of M-32. Natural gas is produced from the Antrim Shale formation in a broad area stretching from Antrim and Kalkaska Counties on the west to Alpena and Alcona Counties on the east, and from a few outlying areas. To date, about 7800 Antrim gas wells have been drilled. They produce about 20 percent of the natural gas used in Michigan.

Most of the wells tap only the lower part of the shale formation. Recently, the Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) petitioned the DEQ for an Order to

allow the drilling of additional wells to tap the upper part of the shale in Otsego and Montmorency Counties. If the proposal is approved, a second well (called a "twin" well) could be drilled between 25 and 200 feet from an existing well. The twin wells would use existing roads, pipelines, compressors, and other equipment, but could produce significant additional natural gas. A twin well would still require a thorough review and an individual permit from the DEQ.

The public meeting will provide interested citizens with an opportunity to learn about the proposal and to voice any concerns they may have. Representatives of the DEQ, the Department of Natural Resources, and natural gas producers will be present to provide information and answer questions.

For additional information on the public meeting, please contact Susan Maul of the DEQ, at (517) 241-1515. A formal hearing on the proposal will be held later this summer.

WASHINGTON NOTES

by Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Michigan to Benefit Overall from Base Closure Process

The name sounds bureaucratic — Base Realignment and Closure. The acronyms form an alphabet soup — BRAC, DOD, TACOM, DLIS, DRMS. The process seems mysterious and convoluted. What exactly is BRAC and what does it mean for Michigan and our country?

At the end of the Cold War, the United States had more military facilities than our national security required. There was a great deal of wasteful expenditures as a result. To bring our military facilities more in line with our security needs, Congress passed legislation creating independent base closure commissions. Four previous base closure rounds have closed or realigned military facilities across the country.

Four years ago, Congress authorized an additional base closure round for 2005. Closing unneeded installations and getting rid of excess infrastructure are essential parts of building the light, mobile military that we need to respond to today's increasingly diverse and complex national security challenges.

Making wise use of taxpayer dollars also demands that we close unneeded facilities. Our uniformed military leadership has strongly urged closing unneeded bases because we can use these resources to better protect our troops and give them the resources they need in conflicts overseas and on the front lines in the war on terrorism.

In May, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld released his list of facilities slated for closure or realignment. The next steps include a review of the list by the Government Accountability Office; hearings and analysis and any changes to the list by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission; certification of the base closure list by the President; and acceptance or rejection of the complete list by Congress on an "all-or-none" basis. The entire BRAC process should be completed by the end of the year.

Overall, Michigan did reasonably well in the Defense Department's base closure recommendations. We will see a net increase of 125 jobs. Our facilities with the largest numbers of employees — the Detroit Arsenal, the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek and Selfridge Air National Guard base in Macomb County — remain in a strong or stronger position for the future.

The Detroit Arsenal, home of the Tank Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), was hailed in the Department of Defense (DOD) report as the

While all of these are positive changes, the Secretary's recommendation also proposed moving some jobs out of two existing facilities in Michigan, which always puts a strain on the communities involved.

Selfridge Air National Guard base is one of the few facilities in the country to have all five branches of the military and the Department of Homeland Security on-site. Although the Secretary of Defense's recommendation preserves most of the facility, he proposed closing the Army Garrison at Selfridge, which is the only support facility for the hundreds of military workers at the Detroit Arsenal. This would represent a significant loss to this genuinely joint facility.

Additionally, the Secretary of Defense recommended closing the Battle Creek Air National Guard base. The recommendation would transfer the base's 110th Fighter Wing to Selfridge, which would partially offset the proposed retirement of the F-16 and C-130 aircraft currently stationed at Selfridge. This transfer would cost Battle Creek 206 full-time civilian jobs and 68 military jobs and affect almost 900 part-time members of the Michigan Air National Guard.

I am working with my colleagues to determine the best way to address the proposed closures.

Michigan stands tall in our contributions to our nation's security. We can be proud of the dedication and extraordinary professionalism of our military and civilian personnel at each of our military facilities. Overall, the DOD recommendations reflect on that important contribution.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Scam people are after one thing, your savings

To the editor:

Attention seniors of Crawford County. There is a program

called "Triad" that is reaching out to the seniors. This program helps protect seniors and is sup-

ported by the Crawford County Sheriff, the Grayling Police and the Commission on Aging.

Now that the weather is warm it brings out the scam people. You may get phone calls asking for donations and they're not taking no for an answer. There may be some who try to get you to sign an agreement for home repairs. There are so many ways these people will try to get in touch with you. No matter what you are told, these scam people are after one thing and that is to get into your savings.

If you are having problems with people not taking a no answer from you, get help from the Triad people. Or, if you know a senior who may need help, please call Alice Snyder at the Senior Center at 989-348-7123. Upon request a Triad person will come to your home. All meetings are confidential.

Dean McCray
Grayling

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Benefit BBQ and rummage sale to be held

Lovells Township Fire and EMS will be holding a benefit chicken BBQ and rummage sale on Sunday, July 3, starting at 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. at the Lovells Township Town Hall on Twin Bridge Road. Dinner is a \$7 donation which includes BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dessert and refreshments. Take-outs are available. Call 989-344-6001 for questions.

Feldhauser family reunion to be held

The Feldhauser Family Reunion annual "Float the River" will be held on Saturday, July 16. Call Wendy at 348-7528 for arrangements. On Sunday, July 17, festivities will be held at Hartwick Pines starting at noon.

The Joy Quartet to perform in Frederic

The Joy Quartet from Pensacola Christian College will present a program of inspirational music on July 3, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Frederic. There is no admission charge for this program.

Hunter education class to be held

The Mio Moose Lodge and the AuSable River Valley Michigan Turkey Chapter will sponsor a free, four day hunter education for two consecutive Sundays, July 17 and 24, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, July 18 and 25, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students must attend all scheduled classes. Class size is limited to 40 students. Pre-registration is required at Luzerne Hardware. For additional information call 989-826-8050.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on July 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on July 6, at the American Legion in Grayling, from noon to 5:45 p.m. Donors are to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross Card.

State employee retirees to meet

The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, July 5, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will discuss the changeover in insurance coverage from Aetna to Blue Cross and answer any questions.

1071st t-shirts are being sold

1071st t-shirts are now available for \$15 each at the Northland Area Federal Credit Union (see Pam) and Patty's Place in Frederic. Proceeds go to the 1071st Family Readiness Group.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad and dessert on Thursday, July 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Church to host vacation bible school

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School program called "Operation Sword and Shield," on July 11 through 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, for ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Grayling Little League to host tournaments

Grayling Little League's Millikin Field will be the site for two divisions of this year's all-star tournament in July.

Three teams of players (9 and 10-year-olds) from Roscommon, Traverse City, and Grayling will participate in "Pool B" beginning on Friday, July 1, at Millikin Field. Friday's game between Grayling and Roscommon begins at 6 p.m. The tournament continues on Saturday and Sunday with games starting at 1:30 p.m. both

days.

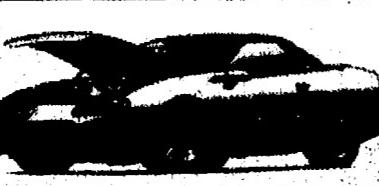
Grayling will also host the 11 and 12-year-old division with teams from Traverse City, Grayling, Manistee, and Huron Central North participating in games beginning on Saturday, July 2, at 4 p.m. Grayling will face Traverse City in the first game of play on Saturday with other games to follow.

The Grayling Juniors Division starts play in West Branch on Thursday, June 30. Quarterfinals will be played on July 9.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 78 complaints the week of June 20 - June 26:

Eight traffic accidents, one accident-non traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, one motor vehicle-vehicle identification number-school bus, two traf-



State police tackle identity theft

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Region 1 Special Investigation Division is now better prepared to combat the fastest growing crime in the nation with the creation of a full-time Identity Theft Team.

"The creation of this Identity Theft Team is an example of the Michigan State Police effectively responding to emerging crime trends with new techniques and new solutions," said Detective First Lieutenant David Peltomaa, commander of the Special Investigation Section, which oversees the Identity Theft Team. "Identity theft is a national problem; it is happening here in Michigan and this team is prepared and committed to addressing it."

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Michigan is ranked 16th nationwide for identity theft victims (per 100,000 population), however, the FTC also believes that less than 20 percent of victims report the crime. In addition, the number of identity theft complaints in Michigan grew from 6,566 in 2003 to 7,307 in 2004. The state's identity theft growth rate involving victims over 40 years old exceeds the national average.

"As the types of crimes change, Michigan law enforcement must evolve to keep pace," said Peltomaa. "By being proactive and developing an Identity Theft Team we hope to turn these numbers around and make the identities of Michigan citizens more secure."

The Identity Theft Team investigates cases involving the theft or misuse of personal identification information to obtain goods, services, credit and fraudulent bank accounts or to facilitate other criminal activity. The most common type of personal identification information misused is the numbers from Social Security cards, driver's licenses, credit and debit cards and bank accounts. The Team's primary focus is assisting law enforcement.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for July.

Immunization clinics: July 20 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: July 5 and 19. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC Clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: July 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 25, 27, and 28. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839/Health Education.

Breast and cervical cancer Screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or

ment officers and agencies with large scale investigations, as well as investigating cases with out of state victims where the suspect resides in Michigan.

Within the first month of the Team's operation, detectives executed search warrants in Jackson and Muskegon where numerous items of fraudulently obtained property were discovered, as well as the personal information of over 100 individuals, presumed to be stolen. The investigations have resulted in 8 arrests.

One of the Team's goals is to make reporting identity theft easier. To accomplish this, the Team created a toll-free phone number, 1-877-MI-ID-THEFT (1-877-644-3843). Citizens can call the number to receive information on how to report identity theft when they believe they may be a victim.

The Team's Web site, www.michigan.gov/identity-theft, contains information and resources to assist law enforcement officers and victims, including forms that will assist with investigations.

On the Web site, the Team offers tips for avoiding identity theft including a yearly review of your credit report; monthly review of financial and credit statements; withholding identifying information during unsolicited offers by phone, mail, Internet or in person; and the shredding or tearing up of identifying paperwork before discarding.

By nature, identity theft investigations cross jurisdictional boundaries and require cooperation from multiple law enforcement agencies. To facilitate this, the Identity Theft Team works with representatives from local and county law enforcement, as well as the United States Postal Inspector's Office, United States Secret Service, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Secretary of State Investigation Division and the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General.



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Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
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Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

Demand Response Service Calls Worked in Between Other Runs BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.
To Request Weekday Demand Response Services Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Julee Dean @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS**:

Scheduled For July 2005

Trip #1

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2005
Destination: Victories Casino - Petoskey
Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.
Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

Trip #2

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2005
Destination: Romarilk's Ranch - Cheboygan
Event: "Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Lunch & Shopping

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Louise Mize @ 348-7123 to Reserve a seat
Departs Grayling: 10:00 a.m.
Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning Special Event Trips
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Mill Town Festival.

To Request Information Concerning Expanded Services
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The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winners of \$100 for June 17 - Deloris Bellanger; and June 24 - Deb Ellis.

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for June 26 of \$25 each: Herb Olson, Harry Love, and Tammy Jacobson.

The Bible Speaks

Independence Day!

The Rights paragraph of our Declaration of Independence affirms: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Our Declaration of Independence acknowledges and credits our Creator God with everything we possess as a nation. We shall quote a number of our forefathers to reaffirm the importance of this document. "Posterity -- you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." --John Quincy Adams. Thomas Jefferson who wrote the draft of this document reminds us of why we continually repeat

the truths of this document: "If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be."

Thomas Jefferson warned us to guard our documents: "It is the duty of every good citizen to use all the opportunities which occur to him, for preserving documents relating to the history of our country." Thomas Jefferson also reminded us of the intent of how government documents should be interpreted: "Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure." Our founding fathers said what they meant and meant what they said. "As Edmund Burke once said, "The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedience, and by parts." Our forefathers knew liberals would attempt to misinterpret our documents.

Therefore the importance of our Declaration of Independence acknowledges the Creator God who gave us the truths and unalienable rights we possess. As Dwight D. Eisenhower once reminded us: "Without God there could be no American form of government nor an American

way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the... most basic expression of Americanism." As Samuel Adams said, "In the supposed state of nature, all men are equally bound by the laws of nature, or to speak more properly, the laws of the Creator."

The removal of our Declaration of Independence from the education of our children is dangerous. As Joseph Story said, "Let the American youth never forget, that they possess a noble inheritance, bought by the toils, and sufferings, and blood of their ancestors; and capacity, if wisely improved, and faithfully guarded, of transmitting to their latest posterity all the substantial blessings of life, the peaceful enjoyment of liberty, property, religion, and independence."

Our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property are the gifts of God not government. We have no greater possessions to love, honor, and defend than our God, Home, and Country. Pastor "B"

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Joyce A. Cox

Jun. 10, 1944 - Jun. 23, 2005
Joyce A. Cox, 61, of Frederic Township, passed away on June 23, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Joyce was born in Grayling to Clarence and Violet (DesMoines) Gabriel on June 10, 1944. She married Gordon Cox on August 15, 1967 in Cheboygan. She was a retail clerk at the Hilltop in Waters.

She is survived by her husband; three sons: Gordon (Shelia) Cox, Jr. and Kenneth (Stacey) Cox, all of Grayling, and Gregory (Pam) Cox of Wichita, Kansas; one daughter, Darleen (Tim) Burzynski of Traverse City; eight grandchildren: Brandon Cox, Shalee Cox, Ken Cox Jr., Ashlee Cox, T.J. Burzynski, Katie Burzynski, Megan Cox and Kyle Cox; two brothers, Charles (Willow) Gabriel of Frederic, Gerald (Sharon) Gabriel of Grayling, and mother-in-law Donna Cox.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Bob Gabriel and Gene Gabriel; and her father-in-law Ursle Cox.

She has been taken from Green Funeral Home for cremation. A memorial service was held on June 26, 2005 at Hartwick Pines State Park.

Arrangements by Green Funeral Home, Atlanta.

June H. Sommers

May 27, 1918 - Jun. 10, 2005
June H. Schroeder Sommers, of Mason, Ohio, formerly of Grayling and South Lyon, died on June 10, 2005, at Cedar Village, Mason, Ohio. Funeral services were held on June 13, 2005 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Interment was at South Lyon Cemetery.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of June 19 - June 26:

Two traffic accidents, two private property accidents, five traffic warnings, one motorist assist, five traffic warnings, two traffic controls, two city ordinance violations, two larceny complaints, one assist other department, one misdemeanor arrest, two civil complaints, two malicious destruction of properties, two suspicious situations, four juvenile complaints, one check law violation, one disturbing the peace complaint, one animal control complaint and three unclassified complaints.

With deep appreciation,
The Flossie Welch family

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during June 30 - July 6 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard: June 30 and July 5 - 6.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: June 30.

Heavy weapons range firing is

scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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Crawford County Library System Board closes Lovells branch

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The Lovells Township Board refused to sign the contract on grounds that certain items that the CCLS and Lovells officials had agreed upon were not present in the final draft.

According to Ann Duby, a Lovells Township Board member, the current contract does not provide for adequate lines of communication between the CCLS and the Lovells Township Board. Lovells Township Board members feel this communication is necessary in order to properly serve the needs of the community. Duby added that if this point had been included, the contract probably would have been signed.

With the contract unsigned, possible legal violations by the Lovells Library are a liability to the CCLS Board, according to CCLS attorney David Sabin, who advised the board to close the branch during a special meeting on June 24. As a pub-

licly funded body, these liabilities essentially fall upon Crawford County taxpayers.

The contract issue has been of special concern in recent weeks in light of the discovery of certain practices by the Lovells Library that appear to be in violation of Michigan law.

A violated law that has captured the attention of CCLS officials is the Michigan Library Privacy Act. This act essentially states that patrons' records, including phone numbers and media checkout history, may not be made accessible to anyone other than trained library staff.

The Lovells branch is sometimes operated solely by community volunteers. These volunteers do not qualify as officially trained staff by CCLS parameters.

Volunteers need to access this information in order to operate the library without staff, and are thus in violation of the law. The penalty to the CCLS and

Crawford County taxpayers for each compromised document is \$250. The Lovells branch has access to hundreds of such records.

"Do I think a violation has occurred? No. Is there a potential there when there's not a staff member? Yes," said Mansfield-Sanderson. "Do we want to put that kind of responsibility into someone's hands who's not trained?"

Also in question is the Lovells branch's compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The act requires that libraries employ safeguards that ensure children are unable to access pornography. In the case of larger branches, such as the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, firewalls are installed on all minor accessible computers which block access to pornography.

Lovells, which only has three computers, has very limited firewall technology installed. Moreover, since it has so few computers, all three are accessible to minors. At the same time, more powerful firewall technology cannot be installed, because high courts have interpreted that first amendment rights forbid government censorship of the internet. In order to comply with CIPA, a staff member may serve as the firewall by monitoring computer usage and ensuring that minors do not view offensive websites.

If a staff member is not present at all times, then the branch is not in compliance with the act. Before the library was closed, this was often the case.

The CCLS currently receives an annual grant called the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA pays for up to 80% of the phone bills for the CCLS. This is a substantial amount of money. If any branch of the CCLS is found not to be in full compliance with CIPA, the funding will be pulled. The additional threat of a lawsuit from a concerned parent could be an even more expensive liability.

The final possible violation surrounds the County Libraries Act of 1917. This law requires that any branch of the library

system provide a regular financial report to the director. CCLS staff claim that they have never received any such reports. Fred Schaibly of the Lovells Township Board contends that a representative from Lovells has been presenting financial material to the CCLS.

Most of these violations center around the fact that the Lovells Library is sometimes operated by volunteers. Duby stated that this is because the old contract only provided for 10 hours of trained staff to operate the library each week. The Lovells Library is open 18 hours a week, making volunteers necessary for the building's operation.

The contested contract provides for a trained librarian to operate the library for up to 20 hours each week, which would eliminate this problem and ensure that the library is operating legally.

This would eliminate the need for volunteers altogether. Although this may seem like the perfect resolution, it would result in many volunteers quitting their work because they are no longer needed. According to Duby, these volunteers have been a part of the Lovells Library since the 1970s, before the branch was part of the CCLS. They are an important part of the rich tradition of the library and the Lovells community and their loss would be unacceptable.

These volunteers do have access to a program by which they could become official library staff, but have declined due to concerns with the program's parameters. There is a possibility that they will seek training from the CCLS staff.

As long as the contract remains unsigned, the Lovells branch will remain closed. Fred Schaibly, the Lovells Township Supervisor, is currently in the process of presenting the contract to the township attorney for further evaluation.

After the contract has been evaluated, Lovells officials will give the CCLS a definite "yes" or "no" answer. This may take place by the time this goes to press.

If the contract is declined, the Lovells branch of the library will no longer be a part of the CCLS. They will be required to return all materials owned by the CCLS to the main branch. According to Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, this is most of the Lovells inventory. If the library was to be operated independently, it would essentially become an independent library without books.

Duby contended that, if the contract is declined, they should be allowed to keep any books that were a part of the library before they joined the CCLS. There is also discussion that the building could be opened as a community center.

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Scouts help with donation boxes



Boy Scout Troop 995 (above) and Troop 979 (below) recently built new dog house donation boxes for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Troop 979 went with the traditional style of brightly painted bases and white roofs with a few new features and Troop 995 left the natural wood grain exposed for a different look. The new donation boxes will replace the temporary canisters now being used. Proceeds from the donation containers go toward feeding the animals at the shelter.



E-mail users subject to scams

The Michigan State Police is warning citizens about recent E-mail scams. These scams may appear in many different forms, but in all cases, the offer is always too good to be true..

One popular scam uses E-mails that appear to be from legitimate companies who you may in fact be doing business with. On behalf of this company, which may be a bank or credit card company, the sender usually asks for personal information, including account numbers, passwords, social security numbers, addresses or phone numbers to confirm your account, fix a problem or create a new account. With this information, scam artists can illegally use your identity to conduct criminal activity. Most legitimate businesses will not ask for personal information via E-mail or telephone, especially if you do not initiate the contact.

Another scam to watch for uses gimmicks such as "complete this survey to receive a free gift card" or "this is your lucky day, by sending your bank information you can get a portion of \$7.5 million." The MSP reminds citizens that if something sounds too good to be true, it most likely is.

The Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud scam is another prevalent scam seen in Michigan. In this scam, victims receive an E-mail from someone posing as an intermediary who needs to facilitate a transaction, but needs the help of someone in the United States. Using the excuse they need to transfer money to an overseas bank account, past scams have involved perpetrators posing as Nigerian govern-

ment officials or heirs to overseas fortunes. With the promise of fast cash for the victim, the perpetrator sends the victim a check with instructions to cash it and return a portion of the money to them, with the remainder being profit. Unfortunately, the counterfeit check never clears the bank, and the victim loses the money sent to the perpetrator.

The best defense against the Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud is to delete the E-mail and any subsequent E-mails that you receive regarding the Nigerian Advance Fee Fraud.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Michigan is ranked 16th nationwide for identity theft victims (per 100,000 population). Every 79 seconds a thief steals someone's identity, opens an account in the victim's name, and goes on a spending spree. The average victim can spend anywhere from six months to two years and over \$1,400 recovering from identity theft.

To help prevent identity theft:

- Never give out identifying information in response to unsolicited offers by phone, mail, Internet, or in person unless you initiate the contact.

- When using the Internet to make purchases, look for the "s" in the address ([https](https://)) to ensure a secure site.

- Subscribe to the identity protection services offered by your bank.

- Review financial and credit card statements monthly for unauthorized activity.

- Review the identity theft information on the MSP website at <http://www.michigan.gov/identity-theft>.

The MSP would also like to remind parents that the Internet can be a dangerous place for children. With the school year coming to a close, children's Internet activity may increase at home.

Parents can help practice Internet safety at home by placing the home computer in a common area allowing for observation of users' Internet activity.

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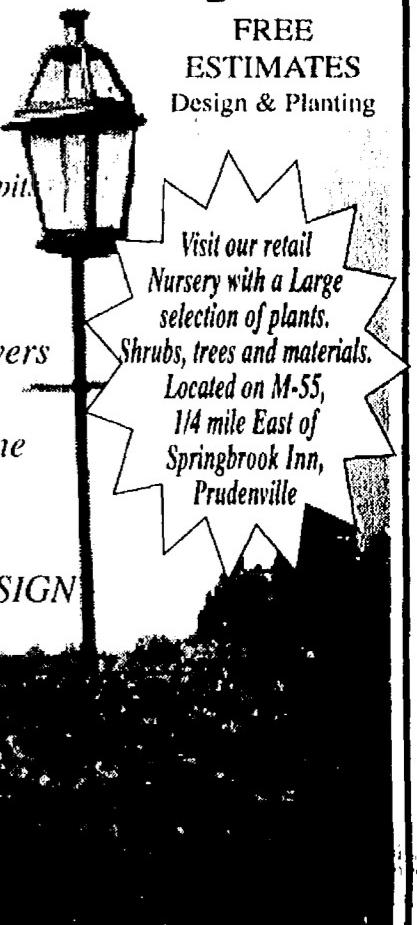
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Dharma Records acquires publishing label

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The big business of music publishing is now a part of Grayling, due to the acquisition of Eccentra Music Company by Dharma Records.

Al Bondar and Diane Chamberlin, co-owners of Dharma Records, made the purchase. Bondar actually founded the publishing company in 1987, but sold it to Multi-Music Management South, a Detroit based company partly owned by his sister, in 1992.

At the time Bondar sold the company, his recording studio was not as complete as it is today. Without a full studio, he had little use for a publishing company.

Recently, Bondar decided to revisit the world of publishing. Multi-Music Management South had become focused on other projects and Eccentra had

been mostly ignored by the firm. They were willing to sell. Bondar made the purchase official on June 7.

"There's a lot of talent around here," said Bondar. The publishing company is now physically located inside the Dharma Records building. The owners are currently planning to build an additional recording studio within Dharma Records to facilitate the company's needs. It should be complete in one to two months.

"We can be a full management company with a recording company and a publishing company," said Bondar. "It's pretty sweet to have one."

The best thing about it may be that fact that the very best local talent may be afforded the opportunity to make the big time. Although Bondar and Chamberlin emphasized that only a small percentage of artists are talented enough to be picked

up by a major label, they did reveal that in the three weeks since they acquired the company they have already signed a local artist to a three year contract.

"The one we signed was a great prospect for us," said Bondar. Bondar and Chamberlin are not yet prepared to reveal the identity of the artist, but they did play some early mixes of his work which did not fail to impress.

"Without publishing, really, a song has no worth," said Bondar. The mission of the publishing company is to present an artist's work to a larger record label. The publishing company ensures that the artist makes money on his or her music. Currently, Dharma Records/Eccentra Music is mostly interested in acquiring quality songs, but not necessarily signing artists.

"Very rarely does someone come in and have the whole

package," said Bondar. He noted that this is true in part because of the realities of the modern music industry.

"It's pretty manufactured anymore. The sad part is a lot of good stuff doesn't come out," said Bondar. Any artist who signs a song with Eccentra, however, is guaranteed that his or her music will be publicly distributed. If Eccentra pursues all possible record label deals without success, the music will be sold on DharmaRecords.com and Amazon.com. Bondar, who is a musician himself, knows what it is like to face difficulties when trying to get one's artwork in the public eye.

"I'd like to give artists what I didn't have," said Bondar. "All my life I've wanted to be the artist more than the businessman, but now my artistry will be better served by helping other artists."

Cardinal comic strip turns 15

This year, the free, Christian, comic strip publication, "Cardinal Adventures," celebrates its 15th anniversary. The strip's creator, Kurt J. Kolka, a Grayling native, is proud to have hit another milestone.

"I can't believe I've been producing 'the Cardinal' for that long," said Kolka, who now resides in Gaylord. "Each time I finish a story, I'm always excited about working on the next one. Each story brings new challenges and I look forward to them."

Kolka writes and illustrates his Cardinal strip and acts as editor for two other strips which appear in his publication. Currently Kolka's character, the Cardinal, is traveling around northern

Michigan solving mysteries. This summer's storyline has the Cardinal trying to stop a villain during Alpenfest in Gaylord.

Besides celebrating 15 years of history, this year the Cardinal comic strip was declared America's longest-running Christian superhero by Carl Borg of the Christian Comic Arts Society, a national fellowship based in southern California.

Several churches and Christian businesses have joined with Kolka to produce 15,000 copies of the free comic tabloid this summer. The annual, non-denominational publication is sponsored by Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling; Friendship Church, The Word

Bookstore, and Blaker Realty Gaylord; Northern Lights Christian Fellowship, Vanderbilt; Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, East Jordan; New Hope Community Church, Williamsburg and others. Copies are being placed in businesses across a 12-city area of northern lower Michigan and the eastern upper peninsula.

The 15th anniversary edition of "Cardinal Adventures" will be available at Goodale's Bakery, Grayling Pharmacy, Grayling; Northend Grocery, Frederic; the Bookworm, Roscommon; DJ's IGA, Waters; Smitty's Place, Lewiston and inside the red racks of the "Weekly Choice" located at various businesses.

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Chamber spotlights Toupin Chiropractic

The Ambassadors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, surprised Suzanne Toupin and staff of Toupin Chiropractic Clinic, PC on June 6. Toupin, Melissa Beckett and Melanie McClain accepted the Spotlight-a-Member Award with much gaiety.

Toupin is a 1989 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic. She opened her first Chiropractic center in Lewiston in 1990, and then opened her Grayling office in 1992. "My purpose is to help patients achieve optimal health through natural alternatives utilizing Chiropractic care, nutritional support and other therapies."

She specializes in Chiropractic adjustments using the computerized Pro-adjuster, therapy beds, nutritional supplements, body talk and muscle testing. For further information you can visit her website at www.chiromi.com/toupinchiropractic.htm, or email drtgrayling@nemichigan.com. Toupin Chiropractic is located at 1406 S. I-75 Business loop, call (989) 348-4560 for appointments.



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's Spotlight-a-Member for June is Toupin Chiropractic Clinic, PC. Pictured above (L to R) is the clinic staff: Melissa Beckett, Suzanne Toupin, and Melanie McClain.

Mudhen Espresso zoning variance approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Motorists will be able to deal with the dirt, dust and drowsiness all in one stop in Grayling Township.

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance last week, allowing the Mudhen Espresso to open adjacent to the Route M-72 Auto Wash.

A variance of side and rear setbacks was needed to allow the businesses to co-locate on the

same property because 12,000 square feet is required in commercially zoned districts under township zoning, and the lot is only 9,600 square feet.

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation raised safety concerns at the zoning meeting last week, saying they thought the Mudhen Espresso was in the road right of way.

Dan Smock, the owner of the Route M-72 Auto Wash, said the Mudhen Espresso hut has since

been moved farther from the road.

Operated by Jim Czyzewski, Mudhen Espresso was previously located in the Save-A-Lot parking lot on the I-75 Business Loop.

Smock said the pair of busi-

nesses plan on offering deals such as early bird specials to motorists.

"Basically, you will be able to get a car wash and a cup of coffee for four dollars and that is something that we hope to have a lot of fun with," Smock said.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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A subungual exostosis, a common bony lesion of the foot, is a benign tumor of bone and cartilage that typically develops underneath a toenail. As it grows, it pushes up the nail and may deform the nail plate or surrounding skin. Complications, including infection, may occur in severe cases. Symptoms of a subungual exostosis may include a nail plate that becomes deformed or starts to separate, expansion of the surrounding soft tissues, discomfort when wearing tight shoes, or signs of local ulceration or infection. The cause of subungual exostosis is unknown but is believed to be the result of trauma. Because they respond well to surgical expansion and rarely recur, contact a podiatrist if you show symptoms.

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P.S. A toenail affected with a subungual exostosis may be removed if it causes problems for the patient.

MILITARY NEWS

Robert Haertel of Roscommon County and a veteran of the Michigan Army National Guard has re-enlisted into the States newly formed "State Defense Forces" component of the Michigan National Guard.

He's a former resident of Grayling and former student of Grayling Middle School and High School.

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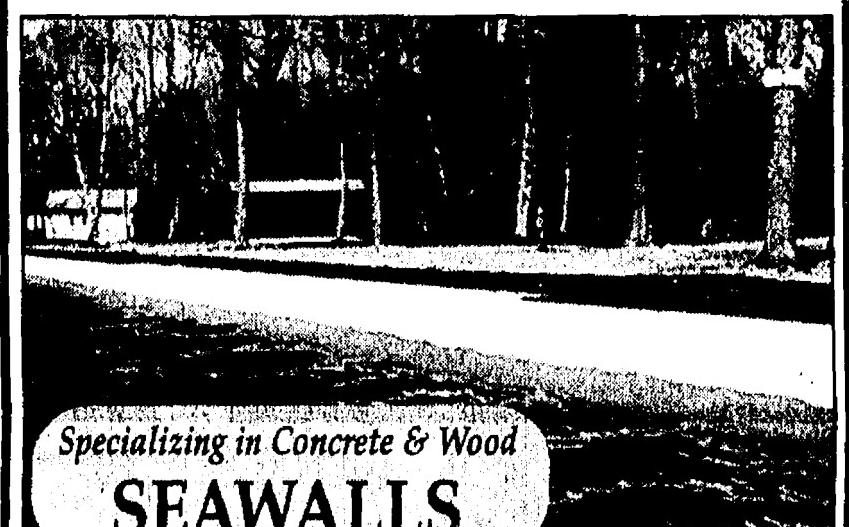
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## USDA Rural Development grant goes to Grayling for small business start-up plan

As a result of a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, the city of Grayling will move forward with plans to begin a Business Incubator as a way to develop the downtown area and grow jobs. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Monroe) announced a Rural Development grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the project.

"Successful economic growth in rural cities and towns of northern Michigan, must include cultivating small business development and expansion," Stupak said. "We can partner local government initiatives like these with small business needs to create jobs that sustain the necessary development of the community."

The Downtown Development Authority of Grayling will use a portion of the grant to conduct a feasibility study on a large store

front in the downtown area. The study will show whether the vacant store front could be divided up to house several small businesses. The study will also indicate whether the city, a private contractor or a partnership would be best suited to conduct a Business Incubator utilizing the rest of the grant.

The Business Incubator would allow small business start-ups to begin in the store front area until it is large enough to move into larger space, hire additional people and continue the pattern of growth. A new start-up would take the place of the predecessor.

"In small towns it's important to keep start-up costs for businesses low. The Business Incubator is one way we can do that," said Allen Lowe, Grayling City Manager. "This economic development strategy will eventually bring jobs to Grayling. As the businesses grow and hire more people it will put more of our residents to work."

## Cadeau, Ault wed



Kristie Cadeau and Jordan Ault

Kristie Cadeau and Jordan Ault were married on May 14, 2005 in Escanaba. Kristie is the daughter of Charlie and Sherri Cadeau of Lovells. Jordan is the son of Mary and the late Wally Ault of Escanaba.

The couple will reside in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

### Card of Thanks

Mom and Dad,

Thank you so much for everything you did to make our wedding day so perfect. It really turned out awesome. The canoe was a huge surprise, it looks awesome. You do good work dad! Thanks so much.

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## Children's summer activities start at the library

Children's summer activities started at the Devereaux Library with a costume-making workshop, the first event of the Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds reading program.

Volunteers Bonnie French and Carol Britton brought their sewing machines and expertise, while teen volunteers Courtney Michalik, Danielle Fisk and Meg Myers helped children fit their costumes and design embellishments for them.

The Icehouse Quilt Shop donated fabrics for individual creations. Students are invited to wear their garments to be a part of the parade during Riverfest weekend, and for the Kids' Renaissance Fair, which will be the final celebration of the reading program on August 11.

The reading program is in full swing; children and their families may still stop by to pick up registration forms and calendars of summer activities. Judy Clyma, Youth Service Librarian, will be at the library every Tuesday and Thursday for the duration of the program to receive reports and dispense rewards to those who are reading their way to prizes. There are two separate reward systems, based on the ages of the participants. Younger students receive a free book for every five books read, and are entered in a grand prize drawing when they finish their challenges. Older students may prefer to perform a series of tasks to finish a shield and receive their free books.

There are a series of Thursday performances and parties scheduled during the summer. They are all open to the public at no charge. Calendars of all events are available at the library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling.

Ben Spitzer, Juggler and Magician, will perform at AuSable Primary on June 30, at 1 p.m., the next day, July 1, Wellington Farm Park will host students and their parents for a grand afternoon of making juggling bags to practice tricks learned from Spitzer. There are still a few open slots; call the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays, at 348-9214, for additional information and to make reservations for upcoming workshops.

The Devereaux Memorial Library is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Courtney Michalik draws a design embellishment with Skyler Mogo and Noah Danneberg during the Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds costume-making workshop reading program at the Devereaux Library.



Modeling their new creations is Jensen Mogo (top) and Emma Burke (bottom).



Emma Burke works on her design for a medieval costume during the first children's summer activities of the year that started at the Devereaux Library.



Danielle Fisk and Meg Myers earned teen volunteer hours by helping make costumes. Above they are pictured working on belts for the medieval costumes.

## HONORS

### Northern Michigan University

Rachel L. Hunt, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List for the winter semester 2005 at Northern Michigan University for achieving a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.99.

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### Northwood University

Jessica Green, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List

for the spring term at Northwood University for achieving a grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green of Grayling.

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## Vision therapy offers alternate solution to learning disabilities

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Each year, more and more elementary school aged children are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or other learning disorders. Nonetheless, there has been growing nationwide concern that such conditions are over diagnosed. Locally, one vision clinic is working to offer an alternate solution.

Julie Bedore, M.A., lead vision therapist for the Traverse City branch of Excel Institute, specializes in correcting vision problems that cause children and adults to fail in reading comprehension. In recent years she has been working with Dr. Mark D. Noss and the Grayling Vision Center to assist struggling youth in the local area.

"I can honestly say I've never had a failure," said Bedore. The therapy targets patients of all ages whose "learning disabilities" are actually the result of being unable to visually focus on the words printed in books.

"He saw two words - a word on the left page and a word on the right page," said Lorrie Bartha about her son, Alex.

According to Bedore, this happens when a person's eyes fail to converge properly. This may result in the anomaly that Bartha experienced, or could even cause words to swim or jump around the page. Needless to say, this makes reading nearly impossible.

"Sometimes a teacher will say you're not working hard enough when in fact they're doing as well as they can," said Bedore. Part of the confusion comes from the fact that children are usually unaware that their vision is abnormal.

According to Bedore, kids are often surprised to discover that words are not supposed to swim around the page. Because of this, children are unable to indicate to parents and teachers the true cause of their reading problem.

"They put (Alex) through all



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Therapist Julie Bedore (left) demonstrates to Avalanche reporter Matt Seager some of the tools used in vision therapy, including a balancing board, goggles with prism lenses and specially marked sticks.

the tests and they couldn't find anything," said Lorrie Bartha. She eventually tried Bedore's vision therapy.

"It was like within two weeks that we noticed a big difference," said Bartha. The therapy

requires the patient to regularly perform exercises designed to improve eye alignment. Bedore employs several devices that assist in this process. The patient may even be assigned eye exercises to do at home.

"With most of our students, what we're doing is retraining the brain," said Bedore. These vision problems have nothing to

do with clarity of sight. For example, someone who has 20/20 sight is just as likely to be affected by this condition as anyone else.

"(Alex) is a very good reader now. He doesn't wear glasses or anything," said Bartha. To inquire into this therapy, contact the Grayling Vision Center at 348-2833.

## Golf outing honors Stevenson

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A golf outing was held to raise funds for people with Muscular Dystrophy last week in honor of a young man who left his mark on several people in the community.

The Tommy Stevenson Memorial MDA Charity Golf Outing was held at the Grayling Country Club Friday.

Stevenson, who was known for his smile and ability to brighten the lives of others, died on December 31, 2004 at the age of 21. He had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a hereditary disease which impacts the body's muscular system.

Sponsored by Fick and Sons, Inc. and the Citgo Petroleum Corporation, this was the fifth annual golf outing held to raise money for MDA.

Mike Lesko, marketing manager for Fick and Sons, said Stevenson had been part of the golf outing and will continue to be part of the event every year it

is held.

"We always enjoyed having Tommy around, and now we are going to continue on with the outing in his memory," Lesko said.

About \$14,000 was raised at the outing for MDA.

Stevenson's parents, Mark and Marty, and sister, Amy, were unable to attend the outing, but wished the golfers well through a letter that was displayed at the Grayling Country Club.

"Tom did have to keep an eye out when crossing the course for hot dogs and pop. He always enjoyed talking to the players and watching the game."

Shannon Gowan, district director for MDA, said having someone like Stevenson helps put a face with the complications of muscular dystrophy and appreciated several golfers who have returned to the event.

"This is something they have committed themselves to because of Tommy's impact on their lives," Gowan said.

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## Planning a landscape project? Call before you dig

The early summer months in Michigan are always a welcome relief after a harsh winter. The nights are pleasantly cool, the days are bright and warm, and the landscape everywhere blooms with little colored flags? From a distance, those dots of color gently swaying in the breeze could be mistaken for tulips, but they serve a much more serious and important purpose.

They are staking flags placed there by utility companies to mark the location of underground utility lines. Every hour, someone in Michigan damages a buried utility line through careless digging, causing service interruptions and sometimes even injury or death. Those markers are there to keep that from happening and should never be tampered with or moved.

Costly and potentially dangerous incidents can be avoided with a simple phone call to the MISS DIG System, a free service that coordinates with Michigan utilities to mark the approximate locations of underground lines and pipes. Unfortunately, this news still has not reached many home gardening and landscaping enthusiasts.

According to industry sources, an increasing percentage of digging damages come from landscaping projects. Most damage prevention experts agree that part of the problem is the mistaken assumption by many homeowners that utility lines are buried far below the surface.

"We are noticing a rise in the number of damages due to landscaping projects," said Darryl Ellington, damage prevention process manager for DTE Energy. "Many people might think 'I'm not going that deep,' but they can misjudge very easily."

Michigan law requires that an area be staked and lines exposed by hand before any digging with power equipment occurs. The law applies to everyone, from large construction companies putting up high rises to homeowners involved in do-it-yourself projects.

Cutting through service lines can be dangerous. "It's not very hard to ignite that gas - a metal shovel head hitting a rock can spark," explained John Roberts, a damage prevention leader for Consumers Energy. "All new residential services now have plastic lines," he added. "If cut by accident, the static electricity in the plastic can also ignite the gas."

Captain Doug Van Wormer of the Bridgeport Township Fire Department in Saginaw County is familiar with broken gas lines. The most recent incident took place last summer when a homeowner attempted to remove a tree stump from his property by pulling it out with a chain attached to his pick-up truck. The homeowner severed an inch-wide natural gas line as he dislodged the stump because the roots of the tree had become entangled with the pipe.

According to Van Wormer, Bridgeport Township firefighters had to evacuate nearby homes and close off an adjacent road for 90 minutes until Consumers Energy workers were able to fix

the leak. The homeowner had not called MISS DIG to have his lines located before starting the project.

Cutting through service lines can damage your wallet as well. According to Dave Savoy, a Consumers Energy claims manager, dig-in incidents involving their utility lines cause about \$750,000 of damage every year. Mishaps have been caused by everything from using power augers to installing sprinkler systems. "A claim can run a couple thousand dollars per incident," he said. "If you're digging without first staking and hand-exposing, you can be responsible for the cost of repairs."

The costs for damaging an underground line can be more than monetary. When emergency response teams are occupied with avoidable incidents like broken utility lines, it can hamper their ability to respond to other calls. "A lot of fire departments rely on part-time personnel because of budget constraints," Van Wormer explained. "When we're tied up on a utility call, it puts people at risk if there is another emergency."

Van Wormer's advice to homeowners with landscape projects? "It's always better to be safe. Make the call to MISS DIG - it's free and it protects you and others."

Even professional landscapers like Cliff Both, owner of Authentic Lawn & Tree in Cedar, Michigan, can misjudge the danger of digging in an area that has not been properly staked. Early in his career, Both knew to avoid utility lines, but was unfamiliar with MISS DIG. One of his first jobs involved the installation of a small pond on a homeowner's property. He found the location of the gas line going into the house, and assumed it ran straight and away from where he would dig. What he did not know was that the pipe was routed around a large tree nearby and actually lay directly beneath the area intended for the pond.

"The ground was real rocky and sparks went flying every time I put the shovel in," recalled Both. "I hit this gas line and heard a hiss - the noise was so loud - and then I passed out." When Both regained consciousness, he called 911. They alerted the gas company, which came out and repaired the line. "One of their guys gave me this card and said 'Call MISS DIG next time' and I have ever since," continued Both. "I got lucky. With all those sparks flying ... it could have been really bad."

As part of their efforts to spread the word about safe digging, a coalition of Michigan utilities and MISS DIG sponsor Raise The Flags, a public education campaign that has helped significantly reduce overall damages to underground utilities in the state since its introduction five years ago. (40 percent for the gas division of Consumers Energy; 26 percent and 19 percent respectively for the electric and gas divisions of DTE.) The program is supported by an annual communications campaign that has included billboard advertising along major highways, newspaper and magazine articles, print advertising in trade publications, and public service

announcements on television and radio stations throughout the state.

From utility providers to emergency response teams to professional landscapers, the message is the same: Better safe than sorry. Call MISS DIG before you dig. "Our goal is to work with the public and educate them on what they need to do for their own safety and the safety of others," explained Kathleen Fournier, CEO and executive director of MISS DIG. "The call is free, the service is free and, in the end, it will save you time, money and maybe even your life."

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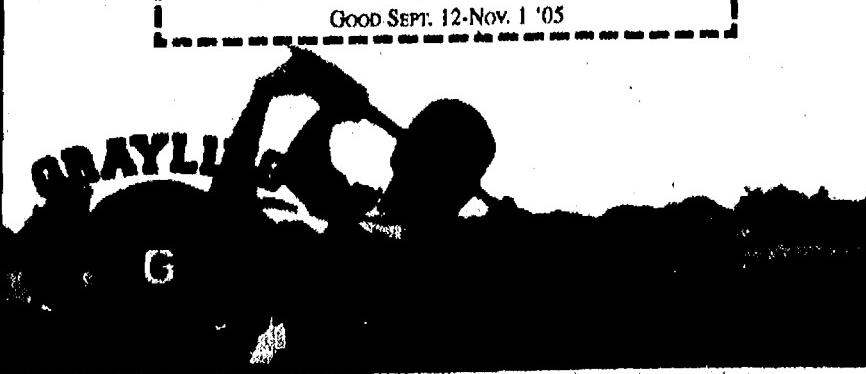
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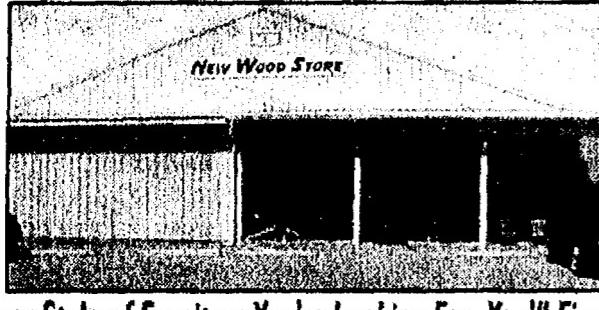
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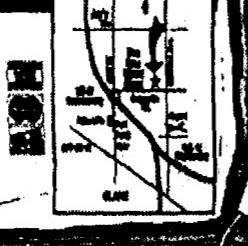
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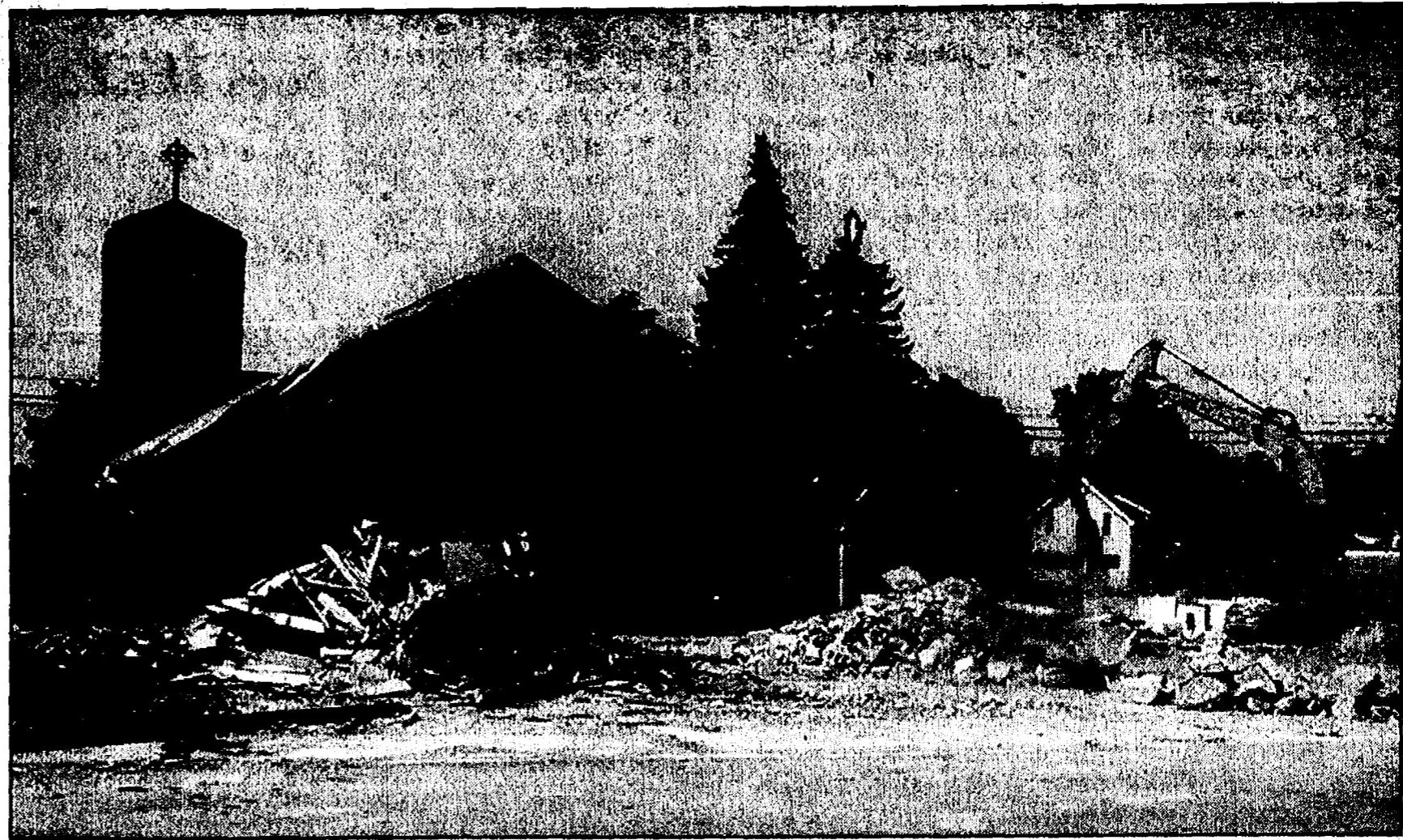


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Demolition of St. Mary's Church, which was built in the 1950s, took place earlier this week. The church is undergoing a \$2 million renovation and addition project, which will be completed next spring. Mass is currently being held at the Knights of Columbus hall.

## GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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### 6th Grade

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## MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard L. Ballew, a 2002 graduate of Roscommon High School, Roscommon, and the Marines and Sailors of 2nd Force Service Support Group (Forward) are in the middle of a scheduled deployment in Western Iraq.

Ballew's unit deployed from Camp Lejeune, N.C., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to provide logistical support including supplies, maintenance, transportation, landing support and health services for II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

The 4,000 Marines and Sailor's primary mission is to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq, and develop a safe and represented Iraq that will contribute to the defeat of the global threat of terrorism.

Ballew joined the Marine Corps in May 2003.

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## Paddling teams sign up to compete in 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon

58th AuSable Marathon set for Saturday, July 30

■ 44 canoe racing duos have registered for this year's race as of Monday, June 27

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon is one month away, and the sign-up list for this year's race continues to grow. As of Monday, June 27, 44 paddling teams had registered for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon — the 58th race in the event's history.

Tim Zigila, AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee Co-Chair, said the number of entrants for this time of year is "about average." In 2004, a total of 65 paddling teams started the AuSable Marathon.

"The first cutoff is when we get the majority of racers in," Zigila said.

June 17 was the first cutoff this year. The second cutoff is Friday, July 1, the third cutoff is Friday, July 22, and the final cutoff is Monday, July 25.

Zigila said the marathon will lose a few teams this year due to military deployments, and the "high gas prices don't help either," since they raise the cost of participation — especially for out-of-state racers, but the committee expects to have another good race in 2005.

"We're looking for a great event, as usual," Zigila said. "It should be an interesting race based on the General Clinton results. Serge (Corbin) and Jeff (Kolka) squeezed out a victory over (Matt) Rimer and (Andrew) Triebold by a couple of seconds."

The Kolka-Corbin team, which had its consecutive AuSable Marathon victory streak ended at eight last year by Triebold and Steve Lajoie, edged Triebold and Rimer by two seconds — 8:05:42 to 8:05:44 — in the 2005 General Clinton Canoe Regatta, a 70-mile race held in New York during Memorial Day weekend.

The General Clinton Canoe Regatta, which was held during Memorial Day weekend in New York.

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See "PADDLING TEAMS..."



Serge Corbin and Jeff Kolka — shown here during the 2004 AuSable Marathon pre-race paddler introductions — comprise one of the 44 teams registered for the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon so far. Kolka and Corbin have won eight AuSable Marathons as a team, and they have already won the first leg of this year's Triple Crown of Canoe Racing event — the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, which was held during Memorial Day weekend in New York.



The crowd cheers as paddling teams pile into the AuSable River at Ray's during the start of the 2004 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The 2005 AuSable Marathon will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

### Teams registered for the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon as of Monday, June 27

Teams are listed in the order in which they registered

| #  | Canoe          | Name            | #  | Canoe | Name             | #  | Canoe | Name           | #              | Canoe | Name |
|----|----------------|-----------------|----|-------|------------------|----|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|------|
| 01 | 01             | Matthew Rimer   | 15 | 44    | Dwight Walker    | 30 | 82    | Clark Kent     | Tim Valko      |       |      |
| 02 | 14             | Rick Joy        | 16 | 45    | Chris Scully     | 31 | 22    | Colin Hunter   | Ted Smutek     |       |      |
| 03 | 36             | Michael Garon   | 17 | 62    | Ray Trudgeon     | 32 |       | Nicholas Bauer | Brad Bauer     |       |      |
| 04 | 94             | Frank Smutek    | 18 | 61    | Chuck Hewitt     | 33 |       | Garth Greenan  | Grant Tally    |       |      |
| 05 | 16             | Jeff Kolka      | 19 | 136A  | Mark Noorman     | 34 |       | Barb Bradley   | Neil Hanks     |       |      |
| 06 | Al Widing, Sr. | Serge Corbin    | 20 |       | Stephanie Larsen | 35 |       | Jim Bauer      | Alison Scott   |       |      |
| 07 | 54             | Nate Winkler    | 21 | 18    | Bruce Byrnes     | 36 | 70    | PC Randolph    | Doug Heady     |       |      |
| 08 | 42             | Jon Thompson    | 22 |       | Allan DuBois     | 37 | 43    | Jim Laurent    | Mike Hartman   |       |      |
| 09 | 73             | Greg Nelson     | 23 | 86    | Steve Watson     | 38 | 13    | Jason Hall     | Josh Taylor    |       |      |
| 10 | 87             | Rodney Halstead | 24 | 26    | Jeff Baerlocher  | 39 | 23    | Ashley Marsh   | Brad Spies     |       |      |
| 11 |                | Kate Ellis      | 25 | 40    | Fred Mills       | 40 |       | Fred Rayman    | Dave Timmerman |       |      |
| 12 | 83             | Ray Bauer       | 26 | 08    | Pete Mead        | 41 | 12    | Chad Brandt    | Chris McKenzie |       |      |
| 13 | 06             | Don Brooks      | 27 |       | Gabe Williams    | 42 |       | Nick Walton    | Bob Mitchell   |       |      |
| 14 |                | Sean Casey      | 28 | 69    | Joe Leusby       | 43 | 58    | Jon Webb       | Todd VanDeVen  |       |      |
|    |                | Mitch McMillan  | 29 | 10    | Connie Carlon    | 44 | 44    | Jim Harwood    | Allen Limberg  |       |      |
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Matt Rimer and Mo Harwood paddle toward the finish line in last year's AuSable Marathon time trials/sprints for position event at Penrod's. Rimer and Harwood posted the best sprint time in 2004. This year's time trials will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 28-29. Rimer is paddling with 2004 AuSable Marathon champion Andy Triebold in 2005.

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Regatta is the first leg of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is the second, and La Classique de Canots de la Maurice - a three-stage race conducted during Labor Day weekend on Quebec's St. Maurice River - is the third.

The Kolka-Corbin and Triebold-Rimer teams are two of the duos that have signed up for the 2005 AuSable Marathon so far. Several other paddlers signed up for this year's race have extensive marathon experience

as well.

"Rick Joy and Bill Torongo should be fun to watch - a couple long-time paddlers finally hooking up. Rick is second on the list for longevity behind Al Widing," Zigila said.

Joy has paddled in 28 AuSable Marathons and Torongo has been in 21. Joy finished 3rd last year with Louis Berthiaume.

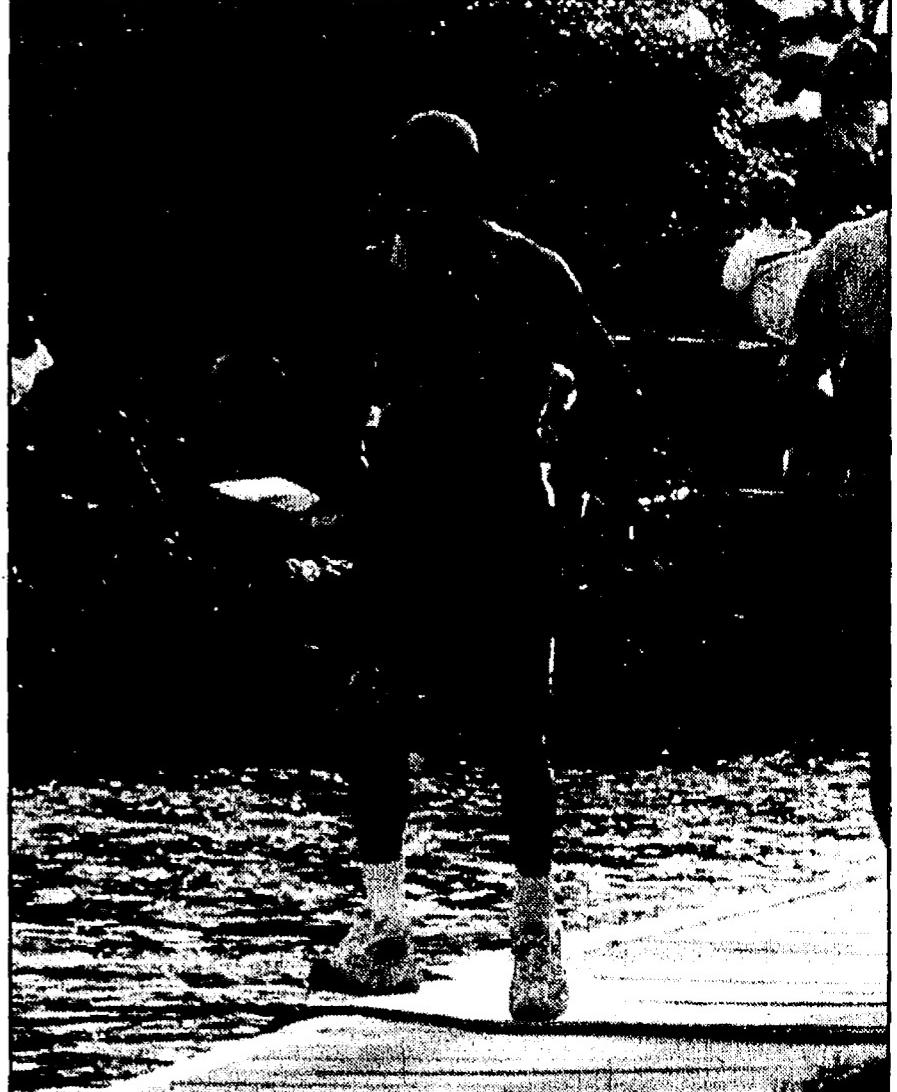
"Clark Kent and Tim Valko should be a fun team. Those guys are pretty decent," Zigila said. "Chuck Hewitt, a friend of the marathon, is racing with his son (Chris). Tom Trudgeon (of Grayling) is racing with his son, Ray."

Al Widing Sr., 80, of Mio, is racing with Robert Bradford, 62, of Lapeer. The duo has 51 AuSable Marathons to its credit - 35 for Widing and 16 for Bradford - and a combined age of 142. "That's an interesting statistic," Zigila said.

"We've got a mixed bag," Zigila said of the participants signed up as of the first cutoff. "We have a few first-timers. It doesn't seem like we have as many newcomers as in the past. Maybe 10 people are paddling in their first marathon."

Many AuSable Marathon paddlers will compete in the 2005 Spike's Challenge C-1 and C-2 races held the weekend prior to the marathon. The C-2 race sprints for position and the C-1 Spike's Challenge race will both be held on Saturday, July 23, and the C-2 race will be conducted on the morning of Sunday, July 24. The C-2 race begins like the AuSable Marathon - with paddling teams running to the water at Ray's - and ends at McMasters Bridge - the fourth checkpoint of the 120-mile, 15-checkpoint AuSable Marathon.

The time trials for starting positions for the 2005 AuSable



Al Widing Sr. of Mio (shown here at last year's paddler introductions just prior to the 2004 AuSable Marathon) is signed up for his 36th marathon. Widing, 80, will be paddling with Robert Bradford of Lapeer, who has 16 AuSable Marathons to his credit.

Marathon will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 28-29. In time trials, paddling teams navigate a looped course at Penrod's to determine starting positions for the run to the river on Saturday, July 30 - the start of the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

During Friday's time trials event, some of the AuSable Marathon paddlers will compete in the Special Olympics Challenge, an event that pairs marathon racers with Special Olympians.

"I don't know if a lot of people realize this, but 10 percent of all

(AuSable River Canoe Marathon) race entry fees are donated to the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics is a great organization, a worthy cause," Zigila said. "We usually have more (AuSable Marathon) paddlers that sign up than Special Olympians."

For the second consecutive year, the AuSable Canoe Marathon will set up its merchandise shop in a building on the corner of Michigan Avenue and James Street (on the north side of Michigan Avenue, across the street from Riverland).

"We've got some pretty good shirt ideas," Zigila said. "We'll have something for everybody, lots of colors. We'll also have a variety of hats."

Any merchandise leftover from last year's marathon will be sold at a discount, Zigila said.

The marathon merchandise outlet should be open for business the weekend of the Spike's Challenge races (July 23-24), Zigila said.

The marathon committee is welcoming volunteers to help with this year's race.

"We always could use volunteers. We need people to help in the office, or deliver programs. We always could use a hand, people to help us out," Zigila said.

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# Soccer squad announces team, all-league honors for 2005

**Kassie McClain and Michelle McGuire earn all-conference awards for GHS**

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer squad announced its team awards and all-league selections at an end-of-the season awards banquet at the Grayling Township Park on Wednesday, June 15.

The Vikings had two all-league selections this year: Kassie McClain (1st team) and Michelle McGuire (honorable mention).

Team awards included: Most Valuable Player - Kassie McClain; Offensive Player of the Year - McGuire; Defensive Player of the Year - Jessica Pfaff; Most Improved - June Clark; Spirit of the Game Award - Casey Mahaffy.

All players on the team received their varsity award.

"This was our most successful year ever," Coach John Haven said. "We had our best record with two wins and two ties. This might not sound like much, but the program here at Grayling only had two wins in the previous eight years, I believe."

"We broke team records for goals scored (9), goals scored in



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## GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson  
**Wednesday Ladies League**

Well folks, I'm back again after a one-week break, as we had our first "rain day" on Wednesday, June 15. That day's play will be made up in August.

On Wednesday, June 22, we had a picture perfect day with sunny skies, cool breezes, and smiling faces of members and guests who came to support our Rally for a Cure Day, which was spearheaded by Sherry Hanson.

Sherry did a terrific job and delegated well. The tables were decorated beautifully with centerpieces - silver golf shoes filled with pink and white flowers. Pink flowers greeted all golfers as they teed off and pink ribbons waved in the breeze as they approached each green.

There were prizes given for play on each hole: #1 - Lynda Hetrick, longest drive; #2 - Bev

Ludeman, longest putt; #3 - Nancy Wilcox, closest to the pin; #4 - Wanda Finkbeiner, longest drive; #5 - Diana Doremire, closest to the pin; #6 - Sue Brenner, closest on the third shot; #8 - Jeanette Kitchen, closest on the third shot; #9 - JoAnn Michal, longest putt.

Our "Rally Hole" was #7 for the person getting closest to the pin. This was carefully measured by our monitor Paul Thomson and his assistant Skip Hanson. The winner on this hole was Bev Ludeman, who won a 9-wood for her efforts. Golf balls were handed out to those who landed on the green: Sharon France, Marilyn Hartman, Diane Heinz, Judy Johnston, Jeanette Kitchen, Bev Ludeman, Shirley Schultz, and Nancy Wilcox.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch of sandwiches with an assortment of cold cuts and cheese, cole slaw and chips, melon and grapes, and a nicely decorated cake.

A beautiful quilt was won by Joan Waterman in a drawing. A gift was given to all who participated in this great day and they were generously donated by local businesses, who help every year.

Sherry Hanson then thanked all for coming, as this is such a

## GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league results for week #6:

On Tuesday, June 21, Camp Grayling played American Legion. Camp Grayling won the opener 33-2. Chad Ellis was 4 for 6 at the plate and pitched four shutout innings for Camp Grayling. Camp Grayling won game two of the series 24-5.

Dubois Lumber and AJD

played on Wednesday, June 22. Corey Derenzy of Dubois had two solo home runs and Bobbie Harris of AJD hit a three-run homer. DJ Metzer of Dubois had a three-run blast and Darrell Metzer of Dubois hit a solo shot. Dubois won the doubleheader 23-1, 31-7.

On Thursday, June 23, Kodiak battled SMK. Linus Linderer and Fred Perrin led Kodiak to a

dual upset. Linderer was 11 for 13 with two doubles. Perrin struck out three batters. Kodiak won 14-9, 15-12.

### Standings after Week #6:

| Camp Grayling   | 11-1 |
|-----------------|------|
| Dubois Lumber   | 10-2 |
| Kodiak Group    | 7-5  |
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## Huron-Manistee will reduce number of recreation fee sites in 2005

The Huron-Manistee National Forests will implement provisions of the Recreation Enhancement Act throughout the

2005 recreation season. The Act permits federal land management agencies to continue charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins and other high-impact recreation areas on federal lands.

Since the Act was signed last December, Forest Service officials have developed agency guidelines that help ensure consistent implementation. In April, all Forest Service units that charge recreation fees under the old Recreation Fee Demonstration program received the guidelines and reviewed all current fee sites to determine whether they meet requirements as outlined under Recreation Enhancement Act. After reviewing all current recreation fee sites and facilities and comparing them to the requirements outlined in the Recreation Enhancement Act, the Huron-Manistee have determined that they will not meet those requirements in the near future. Amenity requirements include: designated developed parking, permanent toilet facility and trash receptacle, interpretive sign, exhibit, or kiosk, picnic tables, and security services.

Some sites may be returned to the fee program in the future if public needs require these amenities be added to the sites, after, as outlined in Recreation Enhancement Act, a thorough public involvement process has been followed.

At this time some fee sites do not currently meet the requirements identified in the Recreation Enhancement Act, however, managers plan to add those amenities. Current levels

of use and visitor desires necessitate the addition of these amenities.

As a result, these sites will remain in the fee program. The Huron-Manistee will continue to implement the provisions of Recreation Enhancement Act in a careful manner and in coordination with those who enjoy recreation activities to achieve the greatest degree of public satisfaction possible. With the current changes, many implementation tasks will take some time to accomplish. These include tasks such as changing signage, updating websites, ensuring all facilities are in place and in good repair.

Implementing the Act helps the Huron-Manistee deliver high quality recreation services for the American public over the next decade. The majority of revenues from fees will continue to be used for on-the-ground recreation benefits. However, fees are only one part of a comprehensive recreation funding strategy, which includes congressionally designated funds, volunteer assistance, interagency cooperation, partnerships, commercial operations and funds leveraged from other sources.

For more information about the Recreation Fee program and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, please visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/feedemo>

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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald C. Ritter, a single person, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC; mortgagee, dated December 23, 2002 and recorded January 3, 2003 in Liber 615, Page 40, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and 53/100 Dollars (\$50,942.53) including interest at the rate of 5.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 13, 2005.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in

Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: June 9, 2005  
ORLANS ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.1384

-9-16-23-30

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen Cable, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2004, and recorded on January 26, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 427, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ten And 87/100 Dollars (\$66,310.87), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point of intersection of the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 with the centerline of Old M-93, as now existing; thence Southwestly along said centerline of Old M-93, 155.54 feet, thence at right angles to said centerline of Old M-93, Northwesterly to the said North line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4; thence Easterly along said North line to the Place of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4

ATN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., its successors and assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 23, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #057965F01

-23-30-7-14

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., its successors and assigns as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County

records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five And 41/100 Dollars (\$105,385.41), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AuSable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14.

Dated: June 23, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC R 248.593.1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, PA, successor in interest by merger to Homeside Lending Inc., its successors and assigns

30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #058104F01

-23-30-7-14

## GRAYLING TWP. TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at 6:45 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall, to consider how to spread the taxes through a special assessment district (P.A. 188, as amended) for Northwood Estates Subdivision.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Supervisor, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Stoddard, married and Dawn Stoddard, signing to release dower/marital interest, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2004, and recorded on July 30, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 659, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven And 40/100 Dollars (\$125,867.40), including interest at 7.999% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 3, 2005.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and West right of way of Ole Dam Road; thence South 2 degrees West along said right of way, 400 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes West 366.3 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 06 minutes West, 275.5 feet; thence North 1 degree 48 minutes East, 209.7 feet; thence South 57 degrees 02 minutes East, 66.5 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes East, 93 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 96.23 feet; thence Southerly to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West. Together with and subject to an easement for right of way for ingress and egress only over the Southerly most 33 feet of a parcel described on the warranty deed recorded in Liber 246, Page 206, Crawford County Records. Also an easement for right of way for ingress and egress only over the following described land: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West and the

West right of way of Ole Dam Road; thence South 2 degrees West along said right of way 433 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 6 minutes West, 136.3 feet; thence North 2 degrees East, 33 feet; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes East, 136.3 feet to the West right of way of Ole Dam Road, thence South 2 degrees West to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 30, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #047796F0

-9-16-23-30

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

989-344-3242

Case No. 05-6636-CH

Ronald Chappel, Northwood Land Company, a Michigan Corporation, and First Koyton Company, a Michigan Corporation

v

David E. Tallman, James Hughes, and Chris Hughes

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

P.O. Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

(989) 458-5232

#### EX PARTE ORDER OF PUBLICATION:

A session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan this 6th day of June, 2005.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY, Circuit Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in the instant case, and a review of the Affidavit of Attempt filed by Plaintiff herein, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that service in the instant matter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall publish the instant order in the Crawford County Avalanche once each week for three consecutive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND

**ADJUDGED** that Defendant David E. Tallman may have a period of twenty-eight (28) days from the last date of publication to file an answer to the instant complaint. In the event an answer is not filed within twenty-eight (28) days, then Plaintiff may seek judgment to quiet title.

6-6-05

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Circuit Court Judge

TO: David E. Tallman

1. An action has been filed against you to quiet title or certain real estate located in Crawford County, Michigan.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment of quiet title against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

-23-30-7

### Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure Sale

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise Marie Elekonich, a married woman and Jerry L. Elekonich, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagor, dated May 21, 1999, and recorded on June 17, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 168, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Countwide Home Loans, Inc as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven and 58/100 Dollars (\$86,627.58), including interest at 7.25% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 13, 2005.

The redemption period from this sale shall expire six (6) months after the date of sale.

-26-2-9-16-23-30

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry W. Simpson and Linda K. Simpson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagor, dated December 3, 2002, and recorded on December 20, 2002 in Liber 613 on Page 297, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Thirteen And 86/100 Dollars (\$52,013.86), including interest at 6.125% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 13, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the

West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Except 33 feet off the West side to be used for highway purposes, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 9, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC C 248.593.1301

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Attorneys For ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #047796F0

merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, mortgagor, dated August 24, 2001 and recorded August 27, 2001 in Liber 550, Page 411, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty and 31/100 Dollars (\$36,560.31) including interest at the rate of 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2005.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point five hundred sixty-seven (567) feet East and three hundred eighty (380) feet North of the South one-eighth (1/8) post between Section 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence North, fifty-two (52) feet; thence East one hundred fifty-eight (158) feet; thence South fifty-two (52) feet; thence West one hundred fifty-eight (158) feet to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 30, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #046896F0

-30-7-14-21

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 13, 2005.

The redemption period from this sale shall expire six (6) months after the date of sale.

-16-23-30-7-14

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald J. Suroschek, a married man and Rachel M. Suroschek, as her dower interest, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagor, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on June 28, 2002 in Liber 586 on Page 475, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five And 09/100 Dollars (\$102,165.09), including interest at 6.5% per annum.**

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 3, 2005.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 01 Degree 04 Minutes 19 Seconds 657.95 Feet (recorded as 657.87 Feet) along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 53 Seconds West 306.64 Feet (recorded as

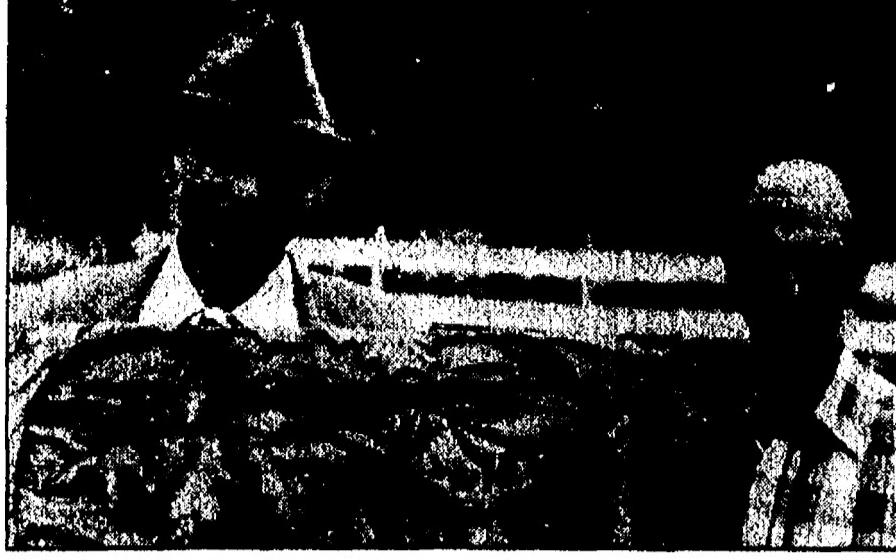
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 3, 2005.

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Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 01 Degree 04 Minutes 19 Seconds 657.95 Feet (recorded as 657.87 Feet) along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 53 Seconds West 306.6

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 1, 1982 - Fred Bear, the man who can tell more bowhunting stories than any other person in the world, was honored by the Grayling Archery Club last Saturday for his many contributions. Bill Rutter (right), president of the club, holds a wood carving by Dan Schrock given to Fred (left).

### 23 Years Ago

July 1, 1982

The Crawford AuSable School District will go to battle again to keep land around Heart Lake from being transferred to the Gaylord Community School District. Crawford AuSable faced two property transfer hearings this week. On Tuesday, a hearing officer appointed by the State board of Education re-examined a request from about 69 property owners around Heart Lake to transfer their land to the Gaylord school system.

A new compromise draft bill by the DNR to regulate canoes on Michigan rivers has been called unsatisfactory by the Michigan Recreational Canoeing Association. The association, which has eight major Grayling canoe entries in its membership, said the draft bill is different from a compromise agreement reached last fall with the DNR.

Live music, both polka and country western, and chug-a-lug contests will be featured at the 5th Annual Polish Beer Tent scheduled for July 1 through 4. The beer tent is sponsored by the Grayling Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus.

Kirtland Community College and its faculty have reached an agreement that rolls back 1982-83 instructor salaries 5 percent and avoids lay-offs of any staff member. Nine instructors on the 20-person faculty received notices last March that they faced possible layoffs.

Approximately 780 acres in Crawford County have been sprayed by the DNR in an attempt to save five young stands of jack pine from a budworm eating its way across northern lower Michigan. Two weeks ago, the chemical Sevin was sprayed from a

plane onto 90 acres of jack pine in Grayling Township and 690 acres in Lovells and Beaver Creek Township. Sevin is very non-toxic to mammals and birds according to entomologist Ron Murray, of the DNR Forestry Division at Roscommon Region II headquarters.

### 46 Years Ago

July 2, 1959

Hans L. Peterson of Grayling will be honored tonight by his friends and co-workers at a retirement dinner to be held at the conservation training school in Higgins Lake. Peterson steps down as district conservation fisheries supervisor of the Mio conservation district on Saturday following, 37 years of fisheries work.

The past river cleanups by the Grayling Explorer Scouts is the main theme of an article by Charles R. Meyer in the June issue of Popular Boating.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ide and their eight children, ranging in age from 4 to 14, Friday morning left Grayling in the company of 19 other families comprising the second caravan of '59ers headed for the Alaskan Territory near the Susitna River, where they plan to homestead. Most of the other families are from the Detroit area.

### 69 Years Ago

July 2, 1936

Through the courtesy of the Bay City Amateur Baseball Federation, an excursion is being arranged to attend the Detroit Tiger and Cleveland Indians game at Detroit August 5th. The fare from Grayling will be \$6.60 for the round trip, and includes both lunch on the train at noon and reserved seat ticket for the game. The excursion is confined to men and boys

only.

Helping to choose a Cherry Queen should be a privilege and Mrs. C. G. Clippert was accorded that honor last week when she was selected one of the judges for Traverse City's annual event.

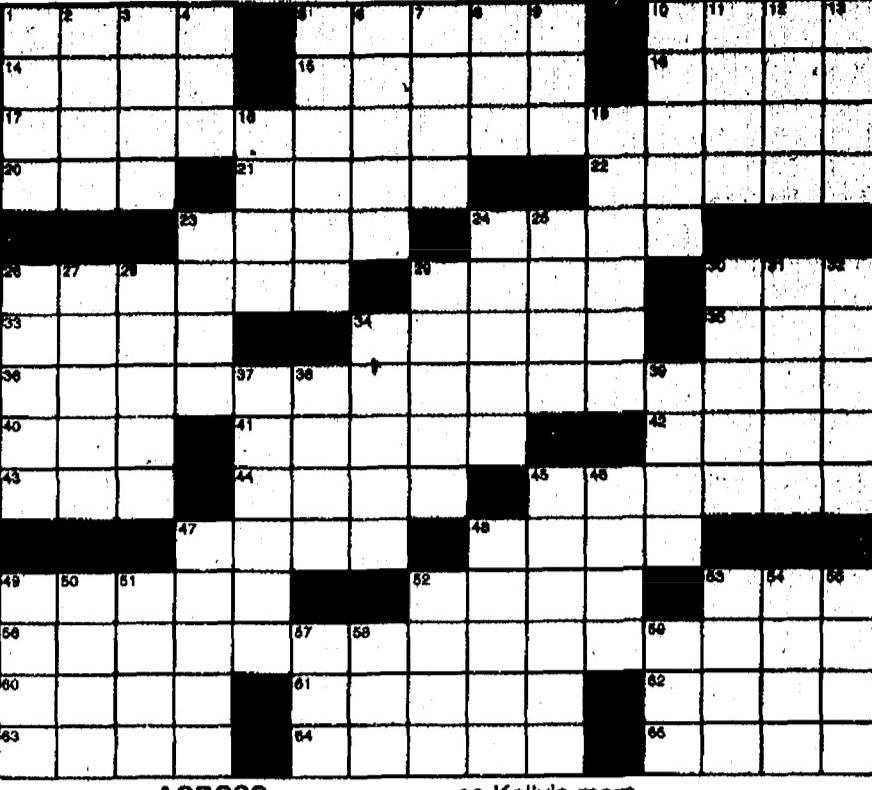
Last Friday, a group of outsiders buzzed into town and caused a great deal of disturbance around the rear entrance of the A & P store. Local merchants, especially in the grocery business were warned to guard themselves against the destructive vagrants. Although one of those obstructors was a queen, her court did not handle themselves very well, and caused a riot which attracted many passersby. The drone of wings could be heard in the air and some appeared to be mighty hard workers. The queen, a honey, finally led her followers to a distant position, and thus a swarm of bees which escaped from a hive flew into the air and disappeared.

The local Welfare office has been moved from the Salling block into rooms over the Connine Grocery. In turn the local liquor store has been moved to the Salling building. Dr. Stanley Stealy having purchased the liquor store building, will open offices there when he begins his medical practice in Grayling, which will be as soon as the building is remodeled to suit his convenience.

Thirty tickets were sold at the station for the Soo today.

Nemesius Nielson of Beaver Creek, has painted a picture from the life of John Hanna. Mr. Nielson has appropriately given it the name of the "Pioneer of Crawford County." This is the second picture of local interest that Mr. Nielson has painted. The other was of Dr. O. Palmer, which hangs in the court house.

## CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
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  - Tommy Hyatt's mom.
  - Minute quantity.
  - Miletus' mother in Greek mythology.
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  - Question.
  - Loose soil.
  - Leathery red and yellow fruits.
  - Flower containers.
  - Full of energy.
  - Samantha Stephen's mom.
  - Branch of a Scottish clan.
  - D.J., Stephanie and Michelle Tanner's mom.
  - Food served.
  - Temporary suspension of breathing.
  - Malt beverage heavier than beer.
  - Karen Grassle's role on Little House on the Prairie.
  - Before.
  - 7th Heaven mom.
  - Those born under fifth zodiac sign.
  - Letter "s."
  - Growl.
  - Infested with gnats.
  - Rumble.
  - Smile broadly.
  - Frome, Edith Wharton novel.
  - Anglo-Saxon money of accounts.
  - Indian housemaid.
  - June Lockhart's role on Lost In Space.
  - Playing marble.
  - Deaten.
  - Representation.
  - In addition.
  - Joan of Arcadia mom.
  - Flat piece of fired clay.
  - Rift valley.
  - Not yet final or absolute.
  - Aunt on Double Trouble.
  - Small orchard.
  - Rachel Green's daughter on Friends.
  - An American \_\_\_, starring voice of Erica Yohn as Mama Mousekewitz.
  - Embraces in the arms.
  - Spoken.
  - Site of ascospore formation.
  - Earth for a grave.
  - Ben Stiller's mom.
  - Old English crossed "d."
  - Born.
  - Louse egg.
- DOWN**
- Coffee.
  - Stanley & \_\_\_ starring Jane Fonda

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT-A-PET



Hunny came to the shelter as a stray. She was very thin and scared, but she has put on some weight, warmed right up to everyone and is a very affectionate kitty. Hunny is about 10 months old, spayed and has her first shots. Adoption fee \$75.

For information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.acepetfinder.com](http://www.acepetfinder.com)

The Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who cannot afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Janet Andrews at Northern Tails Grooming 989-344-9999.

Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank, The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors, Chamber of Commerce and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

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9 to 12 on Holidays

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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week |    |    | Extended Forecast |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
|-----------|----|----|-------------------|--|------|--|------|--|------|--|------|--|
| Date      | H  | L  | Rain              |  | Temp |  | Temp |  | Temp |  | Temp |  |
| 6/22      | 78 | 47 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/23      | 80 | 52 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/24      | 85 | 60 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/25      | 93 | 65 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/26      | 78 | 57 | .29               |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/27      | 83 | 58 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |
| 6/28      | 91 | 63 | 0                 |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |      |  |

## HOBOSCOPES

For the Week of June 30, 2005

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 22 - October 19 | Someone may have an unusual request. Be patient—the right words will come. Know what you can and can't do to help. Spending some time alone helps focus your thoughts. Keep an eye on your budget!          |
| March 21 - April 19       | Have faith in your abilities. Many things that have been hidden move out front and you'll get your time in the spotlight. Spending time at home gives you a break. Be ready for a surprise!                 |
| April 20 - May 18         | You need to acknowledge a debt from the past. New information lets you see things in a different way. Work hard to get your point across and share your feelings. A small purchase gives a big boost!       |
| May 19 - June 17          | Others call on you to be a peacemaker—be diplomatic. Your intuition is on target. Clearing the air now also helps resolve an issue later. Don't go overboard with spending.                                 |
| June 18 - July 16         | Tap into new sources of information and develop your skills in different areas. Things that were once hidden come into view and you'll be pleasantly surprised. Set aside some time for friends and family. |
| July 17 - August 14       | Watch how you spend your time and your money! Someone is working behind the scenes on your behalf. You may face an unexpected call for your attention. Take a deep breath and step up. You'll do fine!      |
| August 15 - September 12  | Others may ask you to take a more active role. What goes around comes around and you'll get as much out of it as you put into it. Accept graciously. Pay attention to                                       |
| September 13 - October 10 | Leave past mistakes in the past. Take the first step to mend a relationship. Change is in the air—don't be caught by surprise. Take time to finish up that special project.                                 |
| October 11 - November 8   | Lending a hand to friends and family lets you see things clearly. Refuse to get involved in a dispute. Relationships take center stage—you'll know what to say and when to say it.                          |
| November 9 - December 6   | Scattered T-Storms Party Cloudy Party Cloudy Party Cloudy Mostly Sunny T-Storms                                                                                                                             |

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**BRETLIN HOME MORTGAGE:** perfect/bad credit, rates are great. Call 989-422-7900. (-30-7-14-21/1)

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**NEED A PROFESSIONAL OPINION** of value for your home before you sell? Call Hartman Appraisal 989-821-0376. (-16-23-30/1)

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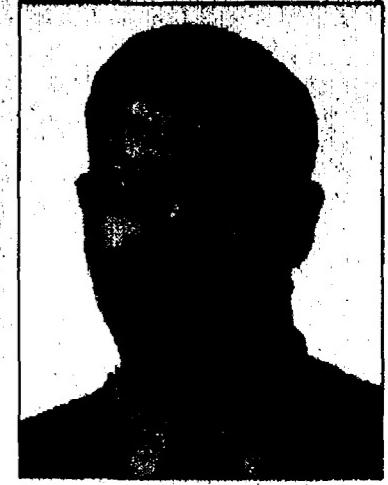
**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

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**RENNED BUILDER'S OWN HOME, W/PRIDE PUT INTO THE CRAFTSMANSHIP BEAUTIFUL CEDAR SIDED, 3BR, 2 1/2 Baths,** blacktop private drive 2 miles from town, breakfast nook w/bay window, 2-car garages and lean-to for all the toy's, hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, stone covered foundation, on demand hot water, deer, fox, turkey around the house most of the year. Just reduced to \$179,900 DB-1972



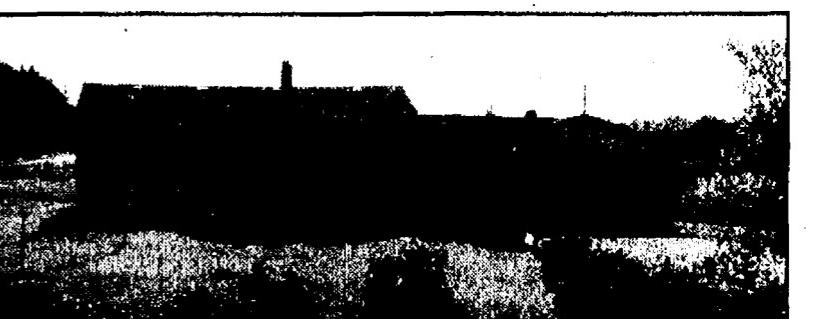
**JUST BLOCKS FROM BEAR LAKE** This 3 BR home with 1 1/2 car heated garage, stone fireplace, Pergo floors, 2 year old roof, and large covered porch. Located at end of private drive, in the heart of the Snow Belt. Great place for snowmobiling right from your home, trails go in just about all directions. Bear Lake, an all-sports lake, is known as one of the cleanest and clearest lakes around. DB-2055 \$79,500



**BRAND NEW 3000+ SQ. FT. HOME NEAR HIGGINS LAKE** 1656 Sq. Feet, 3BR, 2 1/2 bath home w/ 1400 sq. ft of basement with 8' ceilings and Egress windows. Beautiful hardwood floors, ceramic tile, cathedral ceiling. All new top quality stainless steel appliances and a large 2 car attached garage. Basement could be made into 2 more bedrooms + a large family room. DB-2060 \$189,000



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**NEW TO MARKET - FRESHLY REMODELED BY PROFESSIONALS** Newly remodeled home on 2.5 acres, 920 s.f., 2 BR, 1 bath, 36x24 garage. Updated windows, doors and floor covering. Handy-cap accessible. To include stove and refrigerator. Located close to state land, lakes, great central location to all of Northern Michigan's amenities. DB-2129 \$59,900



**NEW TO MARKET 3BR, 2 1/2 bath w/basement on 3.6 acres backed by State Game Refuge.** Located in one of the nicest areas close to town. Home was built with high efficiency, low maintenance in mind. Featuring 2 car attached garage, a 32 x 40 detached garage w/15' walls, drive thru doors for the snowmobile, great for the big boat or R.V. + a dog building with covered run and its own mini septic tank for 1-2 dogs. DB-2128 \$189,900

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## WEEKLY FEATURED LISTINGS

- **2 LOTS WITH SHARED ACCESS TO BIG CREEK** - Located in Warbler's Hideaway. MLS #239425 \$24,900
- **UP NORTH GETAWAY ON 13.23 ACRES** - Mobile tucked neatly on manicured lawn, large pole barn w/frost-free hydrant. MLS #233595 \$80,000
- **A-FRAME IN WARBLER'S HIDEAWAY** - Association offers river frontage on East Branch of Big Creek in common area. MLS #239251 \$79,900
- **THE PERFECT GETAWAY** - Just 2 blocks from Bear Lake beach and boat launch. MLS #237984 \$19,500
- **FULLY FURNISHED MOBILE CLOSE TO BLUE LAKE** - Fully furnished, adjoining state land and within walking distance to Blue Lake access. MLS #235910 \$46,000
- **HUNTING CABIN CLOSE TO STATE LAND** - Includes hand pump and well, path to the bath. MLS #238715 \$45,000
- **CABIN AND GUEST QUARTERS IN PERFECT LOCATION** - Sitting on 5 acres, close to state land for hunting. MLS #236128 \$59,500
- **ALL-SEASON GETAWAY NEAR SNOWMOBILE TRAILS** - Includes new pellet stove, appliances and metal roof. MLS #237653 \$75,000
- **CHARMING LIKE-NEW HOME** - Almost new home on 5 acres, full basement built with 10' blocks, 13 blocks high, and new appliances. MLS #238371 \$129,900
- **IMMACULATE MOBILE ON 20 ACRES NEAR MANISTEE RIVER** - Well cared for home with 4-car detached garage. Deeded access to the Manistee River and adjoining state land. MLS #239020 \$129,500
- **IMPECCABLY WELL CARE FOR HOME** - Very clean and tastefully decorated, with personality that makes this a must see. MLS #237138 \$189,000
- **BRAND-NEW 3 BEDROOM HOME** - Vaulted ceilings, full basement, 2-car attached garage, situated on 5 acres. MLS #239010 \$163,000
- **BEAUTIFULLY WELL KEPT HOME IN COUNTRY** - Private back yard, deck, Pergo flooring, open kitchen/dining room floor plan. MLS #238948 \$114,900
- **EXQUISITE LOG HOME** - This home will "take your breathe away." Everything about it is perfect. If you have always wanted a log home, don't pass up seeing this one! MLS #237905 \$349,900
- **UPDATED HOME ON 32 ACRES** - A hunter and snowmobiler's paradise. Full basement, 3-season wrap around porch, and many updates. MLS #236329 \$225,000
- **HOME ON 2.5 ACRES** - Near recreational areas and state land. MLS #239187 \$79,900
- **WELL KEPT HOME WITH GUEST QUARTERS** - Close to federal land, guest quarters include kitchen, bath, bedroom and living area with wood stove. MLS #236002 \$94,900
- **LIKE NEW HOME** - Lots of updates, charming and comfortable, with vaulted ceilings, skylights and all major appliances. MLS #238096 \$99,500
- **IMMACULATE MOBILE IN AUSSABLE WOODS** - Impeccably cared for home with all the amenities. Oak cabinets, screened porch and deck, metal roof. Very nice! MLS #239288 \$49,500

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**WEEKLY RENTAL**, fully furnished, \$99 per week. Econo Lodge, Grayling 344-9000. (-5-12-19-26-2-9-16-23-30/2)

**VACATION CABIN** on the AuSable; nightly or weekly. Call 989-348-8350. (5/12/05tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN TWO BED-  
ROOM** mobile with washer/dryer and appliances, no pets. \$425/month + deposit. 348-2418. (-23-30/2)

**CABINS @ LOST ACRES:** 1 bedroom cabins, \$375 per month, includes all utilities plus \$200 security. 30 wooded acres, walk to Blue Gill Lake, 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, South of Waters. Call Leo toll free @ 877-227-6979. Sorry, no pets. (05/26/05tf/2)

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**CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** mobile with storage shed, close to town, \$425 per month. Security deposit & references required, no pets. 348-8386 (-16-23-30-7/2)

**WEEKLY COTTAGE  
RENTAL**, \$675/week, on Lake Margrethe. For info, call 989-344-1673. (-16-23-30-7/2)

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**VACATION COTTAGE**, daily/weekly, very nice, fully furnished, non smoking only, on Lake Margrethe, 348-7873. (6/9/05tf/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

**NEW 2 BEDROOM** house, partially furnished, in a nice secluded area. \$650 per month. 248-388-2623 (-30-7/2)

**2 BED, 1 BATH**, recently updated home with deeded access to Manistee River in nice neighborhood. No pets, no smoking. Only \$600/mo., \$600 security deposit, references & credit check required. Call 989-390-0744. (-23-30/2)

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**634' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSSABLE RIVER** located off Connon's Flat Road. Enjoy the stunning view from this AuSable River getaway. Very secluded setting with no visible neighbors. 1,182 s.f., 2 BR, 2 baths, knotty pine interior, full wall stone fireplace, 2 car detached garage. Home sits just steps away from the river's edge. Frontage includes adjacent riverfront building site. CH-2141 \$298,000



**CEDAR MODIFIED SALT-BOX ON BANKS OF AUSSABLE RIVER** Pristine forest land w/248' frg. on swift/gravel bottom stream. Cathedral ceilings w/ rustic flair. Knotty pine interior walls & ceiling. Flagstone fireplace, hardwood floors, ceramic tile shower, stainless steel kitchen, central heat, riverside deck. Heated outdoor wood boiler heats Jacuzzi hot tub & floor heating. 3-car detached garage w/roll up doors, private balcony, wrap around deck; all on naturally unique landscaped 5.5 acres. \$324,500. CH-1957



**104' FRONTAGE ON THE SOUTH  
BRANCH AUSSABLE RIVER**: 1,440 s.f., 4BR, 2 baths, master bedroom suite on main floor, many built-in features. Newer roof, deck, siding, and bathroom. Wooded front yard with large pond on each side of home, blacktop driveway, and 24x24 detached garage. CH-2102 \$189,900



**100' FRONTAGE ON HOLY WATERS  
AUSSABLE RIVER**: Prime frontage w/walkout views, island in river, feeder stream on side. 1,145 s.f., 4 BR, 1 1/2 baths, 260 s.f. walk-out basement, three season river side porch, two sliding door walls, and a brick fireplace. Newer roof, siding, vinyl windows, and doors. Blacktop driveway, dead end street. Two-car heated garage, concrete drive, 10x24 workshop and dock in rear. \$239,000. CH-2100



**SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE  
FAMOUS AUSSABLE RIVER**: Elevated 205 feet frg. offers privacy yet an expansive view of the entire valley. The 1.95 acres borders 1,000's of acres of the Huron National Forest to the South. \$85,000. CH-2023



**175' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF  
AUSSABLE RIVER**: 2,196 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement. 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding doorwall out to patio and riverside Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$267,500 CH-1938



**308' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER  
BACKS UP TO STATE LAND**: Ideal riverfront home with a rustic yet modern flair. 1,512 s.f., full walkout finished basement, 4 BR, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, two skylights, beautiful kitchen w/ island bar and quality cabinets, many built in features, knotty pine T&G throughout and a/c wall unit. Hot tub, freezer, refr., washer & dryer negotiable. Adjacent 10 acres/250ft. of frontage on the Manistee River available for \$64,900. Home must sell first. \$285,000. CH-2081



**305' FRONTAGE ON 11 ACRES ON THE NORTH  
BRANCH AUSSABLE RIVER**: Secluded premier riverfrontage with a flowing creek through property. 2,280 s.f., 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths home featuring vaulted knotty pine ceiling, cut stone fireplace in living room, central heat, central air, central A/C, and security system. 24x56 2 story pole barn unfinished game room and full upstairs storage. Adjacent 10 acres/250ft. available for \$94,500. Home purchaser shall have first opportunity. CH-2144 \$319,000



**PRIVATE ACCESS TO MANISTER RIVER**: This Belfair full-log home features 2BR with open loft, 2BA, tiled kitchen, custom counter-tops, open cathedral ceilings with full exposed beams, 2 skylights, Anderson-replacement windows, appliances, 3-season sun-porch, sliding glass doors to deck & hot tub with covered Gazebo, never steel roof, and 2.5 car heated garage w/beam-to. Adjacent and backs up to state land. CH-2060 \$149,500



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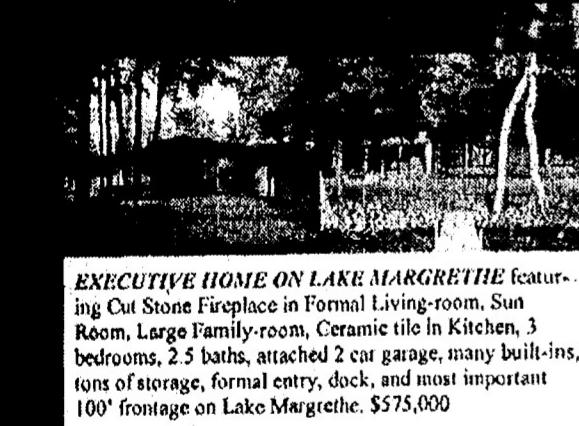
**198' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSSABLE  
RIVER**: 1,584 s.f., 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths, vaulted ceiling, bow window, and knotty pine interior, 24x30 deck, garage, 16x20 2nd garage plus lean to, 16x30 carport, 10x14 storage shed, and 10x30 riverside deck. CH-2140 \$159,900

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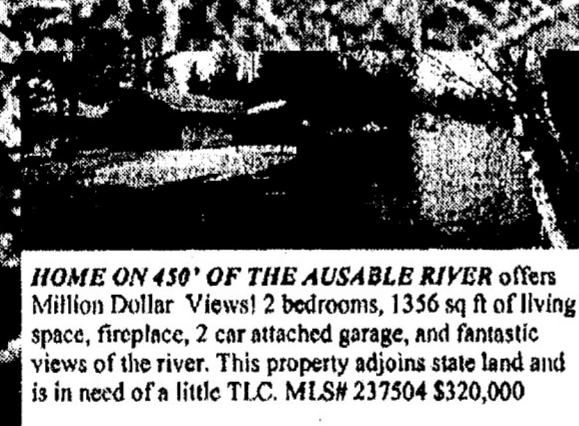
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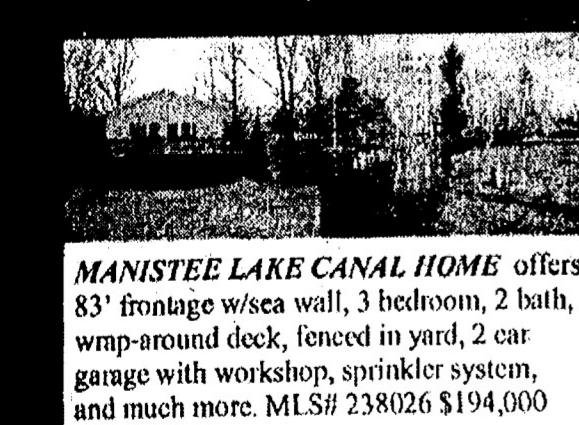
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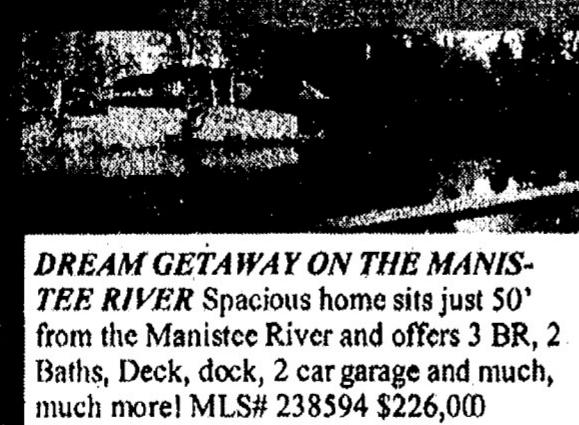
**EXECUTIVE HOME ON LAKE MARGRETHE** featuring Cut Stone Fireplace in Formal Living-room, Sun Room, Large Family-room, Ceramic tile in Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, attached 2 car garage, many built-ins, tons of storage, formal entry, dock, and most important 100' frontage on Lake Margrethe. \$575,000



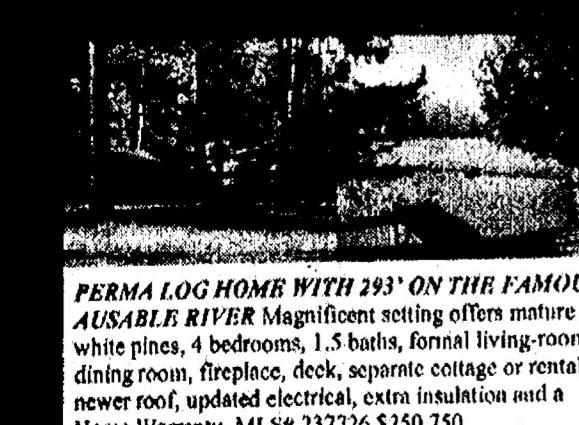
**HOME ON 450' OF THE AUSSABLE RIVER** offers Million Dollar Views! 2 bedrooms, 1356 sq ft of living space, fireplace, 2 car attached garage, and fantastic views of the river. This property adjoins state land and is in need of a little TLC. MLS# 237504 \$320,000



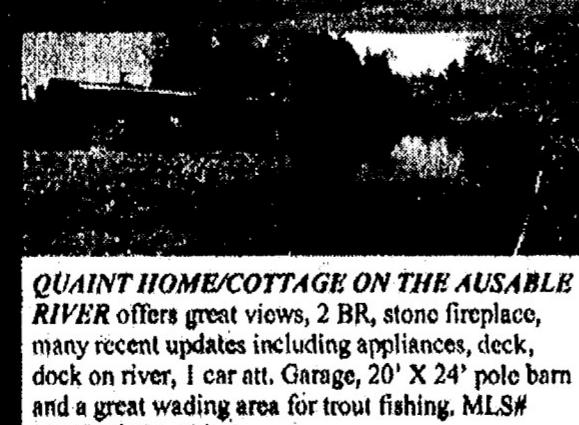
**MANISTEE LAKE CANAL HOME** offers 83' frontage w/sea wall, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, wrap-around deck, fenced in yard, 2 car garage with workshop, sprinkler system, and much more. MLS# 238026 \$194,000



**DREAM GETAWAY ON THE MANISTEE RIVER** Spacious home sits just 50' from the Manistee River and offers 3 BR, 2 Baths, Deck, dock, 2 car garage and much, much more! MLS# 238594 \$226,000



**PERMA LOG HOME WITH 293' ON THE FAMOUS  
AUSSABLE RIVER** Magnificent setting offers mature white pines, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, formal living-room, dining room, fireplace, deck, separate cottage or rental, newer roof, updated electrical, extra insulation and a Home Warranty. MLS# 237726 \$250,750



**QUAINT HOME/COTTAGE ON THE AUSSABLE  
RIVER** offers great views, 2 BR, stone fireplace, many recent updates including appliances, deck, dock on river, 1 car att. Garage, 20' X 24' pole barn and a great wading area for trout fishing. MLS# 237722 \$195,000

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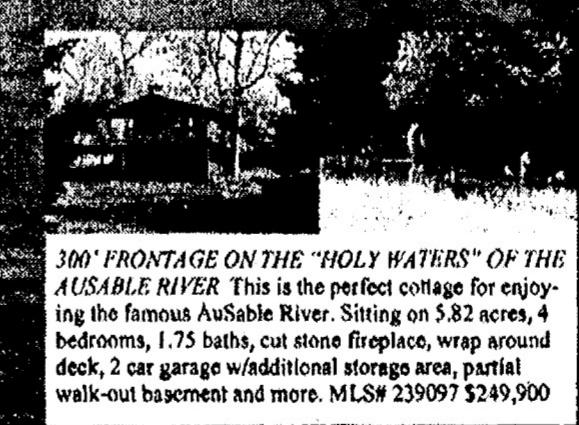
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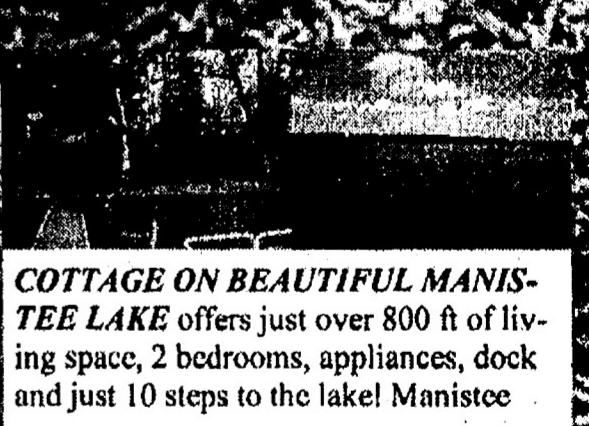
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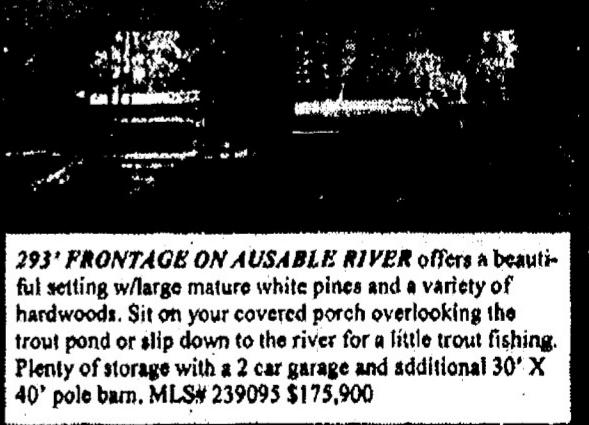
**FABULOUS HOME ON BLUE LAKE** offers awesome views of Blue Lake with 75' of frontage on 1+ acres. Amenities include 3 bedrooms, appliances, fully furnished, large deck, 40' dock and boat lift, 2 car garage, and ready for you to spend this summer on the lake! MLS# 237160 \$399,000



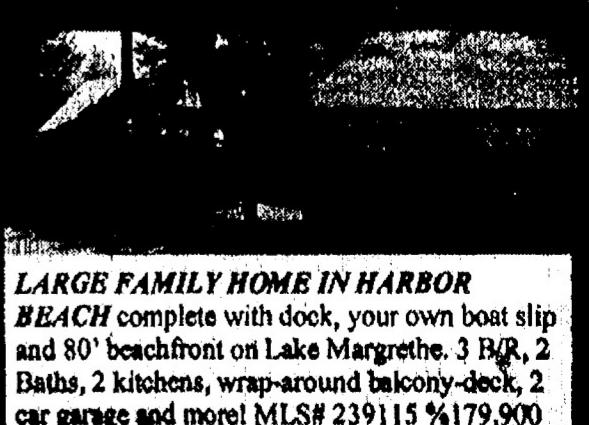
**300' FRONTAGE ON THE "HOLY WATERS" OF THE  
AUSSABLE RIVER** This is the perfect cottage for enjoying the famous AuSable River. Sitting on 5.82 acres, 4 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, cut stone fireplace, wrap around deck, 2 car garage w/additional storage area, partial walk-out basement and more. MLS# 239097 \$249,900



**COTTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL MANISTEE LAKE** offers just over 800 ft of living space, 2 bedrooms, appliances, dock and just 10 steps to the lake! Manistee



**293' FRONTAGE ON AUSSABLE RIVER** offers a beautiful setting w/large mature white pines and a variety of hardwoods. Sit on your covered porch overlooking the trout pond or slip down to the river for a little trout fishing. Plenty of storage with a 2 car garage and additional 30' X 40' pole barn. MLS# 239095 \$175,900



**LARGE FAMILY HOME IN HARBOR  
BEACH** complete with dock, your own boat slip and 80' beachfront on Lake Margrethe. 3 BR, 2 Baths, 2 kitchens, wrap-around balcony-deck, 2 car garage and more! MLS# 239115 \$179,900

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT** with office laundry room. 4 miles West of Grayling. Washer/dryer included, \$425 a month plus utilities & security. No smoking, no pets. 231-263-0231 (-30-7-14/2)

**CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** 2 bath newer mobile home with 2 car garage, 7 miles from town, \$550 a month. Security, deposit & references required. No pets. 348-8386 (-30-7-14-21/2)

**WANTED TO RENT:** Nice 2 or 3 bedroom home with two car garage in the Grayling area. Have excellent reference. Please call 989-348-5520 and leave message. Will return all calls promptly. (6/30/05 tf/2)

**HELP WANTED-** housekeepers needed, please apply in person at Gate's AuSable Lodge. \$8/hour starting wage. (-30/3)

**FULL TIME OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST** at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Full benefits. Contact Kourtney, 989-348-0414. (-16-23-30/3)

**REAL ESTATE**

**KING NURSING AND REHABILITATION** Community is taking applications for position of Dietary Manager, CDM. Come join our team. Apply at 2280 Tower Hill Road, or fax 989-422-4490, or call Mary Tamlyn at 989-422-5153. (-23-30/3)

**FULL TIME PHYSICAL THERAPIST/Physical Therapist Assistant** at Mercy Family Care, Roscommon. Full benefits. Contact Kourtney, 989-348-0414. (-16-23-30/3)

**ENERGETIC SELF STARTER** with mechanical aptitude needed for fast growing outdoor wood furnace distributor. Plumbing/heating knowledge or skills, good communication ability, computer experience a must! Duties include dealer phone sales, purchase orders, billing, some shipping and receiving, sales presentations (occasional weekends/summer and fall). Forklift experience helpful. To start-32 hours per week/\$10.75-12.50 hr. 185 M-72, Kalkaska, MI. Call 231-258-8525. (-30-7-14/3)

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**WANTED, RELIABLE HARD WORKER** to install & repair tires. Pay based on experience. Health insurance & Vac. pay provided. Contact Steve, Upper Lakes Tire, 989-348-2887. (-23-30/3)

**NURSES NEEDED** for home health care agency. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. shift or 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. shift in the Missaukee County area. In home skilled nursing care; premium pay, mileage for this case only is paid at .405 cents per mile for licensed nursing personnel. 2-4 days per week scheduling available. Must be available for some weekend duty. Serious inquiries only. Fax resume to 231-929-5493. (-30/3)

**LOCAL OIL AND GAS** company is seeking qualified applicants for position in gas processing facility. Applicants must be willing to work shift hours in our 24X7X365 operation.

Experienced desired, but willing to train highly motivated applicants. Company provides full range of benefits: medical, dental, life and 401K, compensation based on level of experience. Confidential interviews are now being conducted. Resumes or work history will be accepted until July 22, 2005 at P.O. Box 225, Lake City, MI 49651. (-30-7/3)

**HANDY MAN WANTED:** Minor repairs and maintenance up-keep for five office buildings as needed. Must have dependable transportation and references. Wage and mileage negotiable. If interested, please fax letter of interest with references to Jacci at 989-910-5128. (-30-7/3)

**PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS** wanted: The Grayling City & Township Fire Department is currently accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters. All persons who wish to apply, may pick up an application at The Grayling City & Twp. Fire Dept. located at 1041 City Blvd. (next to city hall) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 348-6319 if you have any questions.

All applicants must be able to pass background check, physical agility test and medical evaluation before being hired. No experience or training is necessary. The City and Township of Grayling are an equal opportunity employer and provider. (-30-7/3)

**AJD FOREST PRODUCTS** is looking to expand the expertise in our Mill Maintenance Dept. If you have electrical experience/working knowledge of PLC's, VFD's, PCs, CMMS or mechanical experience with hydraulics, pneumatics, welding, machine troubleshooting and would like to be considered, please stop by or call during business hours, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. See Jon-H/Safety Manager, 989-348-5412 X126. (-30-7/3)

## FOR RENT

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1 Bedroom.....\$400  
Rent Includes Utilities

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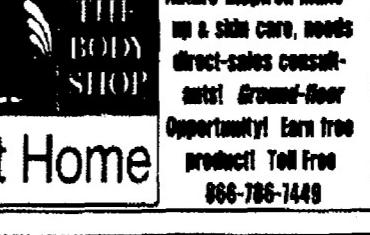


### 3. Employment

#### 2. For Rent

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Immaculate home located on 2.26 acres with 122 feet of frontage on the upper AuSable River. Home features four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite with hot tub, covered deck overlooking the river, an attached and a detached garage. \$145,000 #5539

107' on Big Bradford, 228 Acre ALL SPORTS Lake. Drop your boat in down the road and park it off your private dock in your back yard all summer long. Home has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage and a 584 sq. ft. guest cabin. \$260,000 #5538

Dream Property: Home, RV Area, state land. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 bath home and 3 car garage, RV area has 2 water & electric hook ups; 2 outhouses and firepit. 1000's of acres of state land right across the dead end driveway. \$134,900 #5540

Extreme Handy Man's Special! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home requires a lot of refurbishment or tear down. It's located on a nice 143'x200' lot on Manistee River Road. Has well and septic installed but is not guaranteed. \$9,900 #5535

125 feet on Otsego Lake Canal. This ALL SPORTS LAKE is accessible from the canal, plus you can park your boat right in front of your property. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living rooms and 2 kitchen areas...what a deal! #5302 \$179,900

Beautiful, like new home with 3+ bedrooms & 3 baths. Completely finished basement, double lot, 1,200 SF attached garage, upstairs can be finished to fit your needs. This home is an absolute steal at \$139,900.00. #5407

Stunning panoramic views of Lake Margrethe. Beautiful setting on the woods 4 acre setting that backs to the Wakeley Lake Natural area & is close to the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms/1 bath, knotty pine interior and two large garages. #5438 \$92,000

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Want to own your own bar?? Here is your chance. Northern Michigan Bar For Sale. Restaurant/Bar, Rental home plus 2 vacant lots. It's been in business for 50 years, hurry this will not last on the market. #5448 \$195,000

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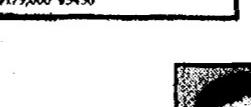
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Century 21

Unique & Spacious describe this home/cabin on 2+ acres. Offering peace and tranquility. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 24x32 pole barn and a location close to an AuSable River access site, who could ask for more! \$97,500 #5488



Large Three Bedroom 2 1/2 bath home 2752 sq. ft. of living area internal garage, two fireplaces, wood burning stove, central air, 2 car garage and 24x40 rear roof, kitchen cabinets and carpet 2004. Located on a country road close to town on 2.23 acres. \$179,000 #5450

LARGE THREE BEDROOM 2 1/2 BATH

HOME 2752 SQ. FT. OF LIVING AREA

INTERNAL GARAGE, TWO FIREPLACES,

WOOD BURNING STOVE, CENTRAL AIR,

2 CAR GARAGE AND 24X40 REAR ROOF,

KITCHEN CABINETS AND CARPET 2004.

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**KTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

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**HEATHER'S DAY CARE** has immediate full time openings, ages 0 and up. State licensed, CPR & first aid certified. Breakfast, lunch & snack provided. FIA payments accepted. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. 989-390-2367 (-30-7/4)

**AFFORDABLE ROOF REPAIR;** new construction or tear offs, also siding and decks. Will beat any price, 24 hour emergency service, free estimates by Quality Construction. 348-5817, (989)390-1526 (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

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**JB POWERWASH**, deck power-washing & sealing, house & cabin cleaning. Call 344-1412. (-9-16-23-30/4)

**HOUSEKEEPER-** over 15 years experience, references available. 231-258-2510 or 231-409-6965. (-30/4)

**DRIVERS EDUCATION-** Register for the following classes: Segment I; August 5, September 12. Segment II; September 7, November 2. Most experienced with lowest rates. Call 989-348-8838. (-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

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### 3 Employment

**Due to the Continuing Growth of Our Organization, Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice has Immediate Openings for Full time/Part time/Contingent Hospice RN's Minimum 1 yr professional experience necessary, Hospice/Homecare experience preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Excellent benefit, wages & mileage reimbursement. Computerized documentation system, experience a plus but not necessary. On call responsibilities. For immediate consideration, please fax resume to:**

Brenda Lake, Business Facilities Manager  
Fax 231-779-9554  
or call  
800-822-8318 or 800-424-1457

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Amicare is committed to achieving workforce diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.

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Must possess good typing skills with computer experience. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines.

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Must possess good typing skills with computer experience and have good customer service skills. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines.

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Save-A-Lot Food Stores is searching for qualified candidates for the position of **Meat Journeyman**, in the Grayling Save-A-Lot Food Store at 2333 S. I-75 Business Loop

#### Minimum Qualifications

- Willing to perform physical work, including meat cutting, stocking, cleaning, in a busy grocery store environment.
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Please See in Person:

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Save-A-Lot

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Grayling, Michigan 49738

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### 1982 HONDA GOLDWING

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### FOR SALE: washer & dryer;

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### FOR SALE: 2000 SYLVAN 22

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390-0601 (-23-30/5)

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**1988 SUZUKI GXS 750,** four cylinder, \$600 or best, runs good. 348-9623 (-30/7/5)

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**ASSORTED BEER SIGNS** for sale at Larry & Jone's Place, 3999 M-72 East at Wakeley Bridge Rd. (-30/5)

**8 Announcements**

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**WASHER/DRYER,** two older welders, miscellaneous items. Call 1-877-997-6606, punch in number, I'll call you back. (-30/5)

**S-10 SOFT TONNEAU COVER,** black with hardware, \$75. Ranger topper, black, \$150. Truck speakers, two 10' JBL's with boxes, 600 watt Amp, Kenwood, \$200. All excellent condition. 989-370-0157 (-30/7/5)

**6. Wanted**

**WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES** top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

**CRAFTERS WANTED:** Lincoln Heritage Day, July 9. Contact Ann at 989-736-6104. (-23-30/6)

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Early deadlines will apply for the July 7th issue:  
**Display Ads...**

Thurs., June 30th • 5 p.m.

**Letters to the Editor...**

Thurs., June 30th • noon

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**MOVING SALE-** last chance, household items, dressers, glassware, snowblowers, 1962 Buick 2 door HT, table saw. 7/1 thru 7/4, 523 Crescent Pl., 2 miles North of town. (-30/10)

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**GARAGE & CRAFT SALE:** Friday thru Monday, 9-4. 766 East County Rd. 612, follow signs from Hartwick Pines Rd. (-30/10)

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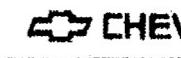
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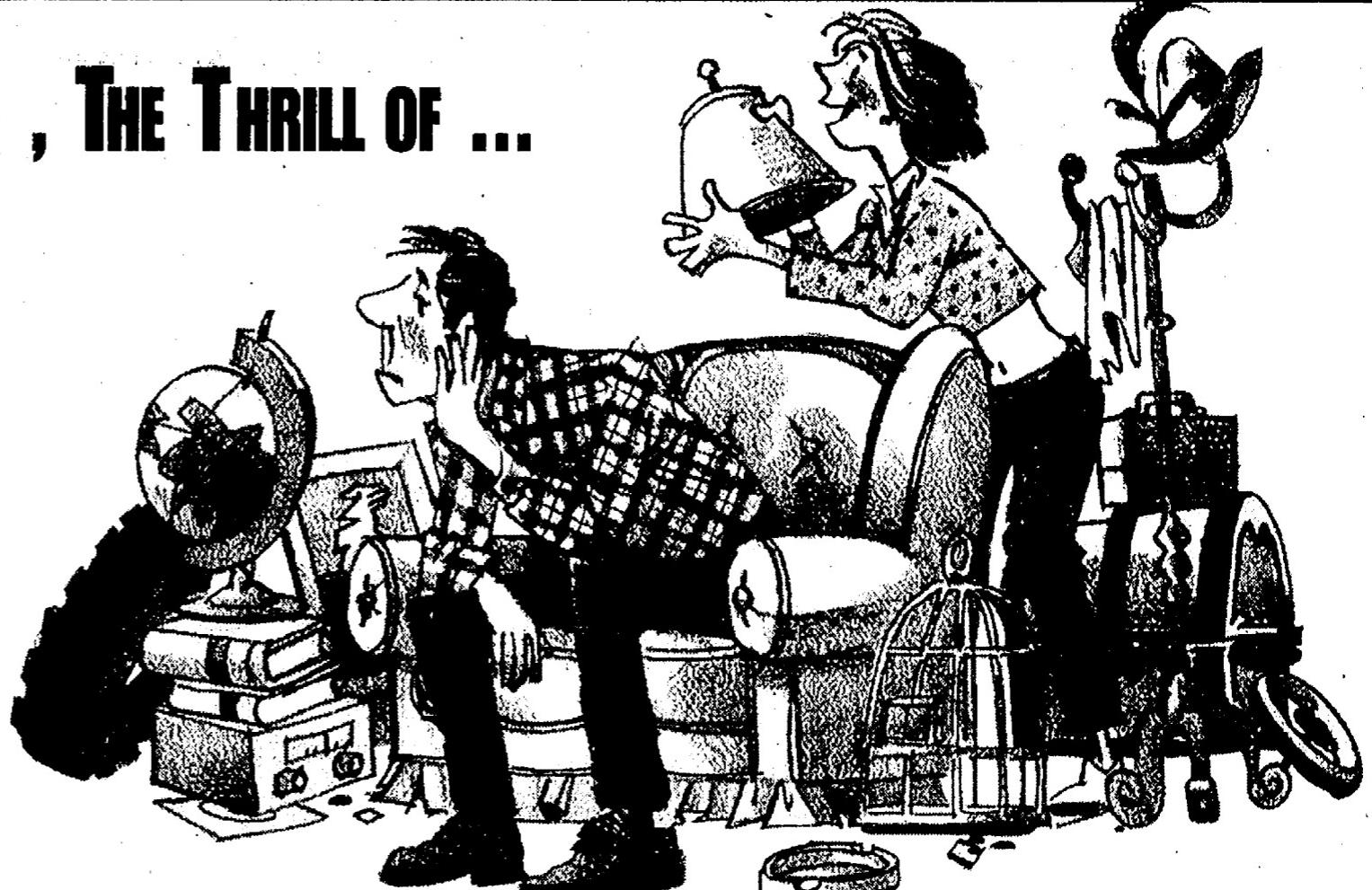
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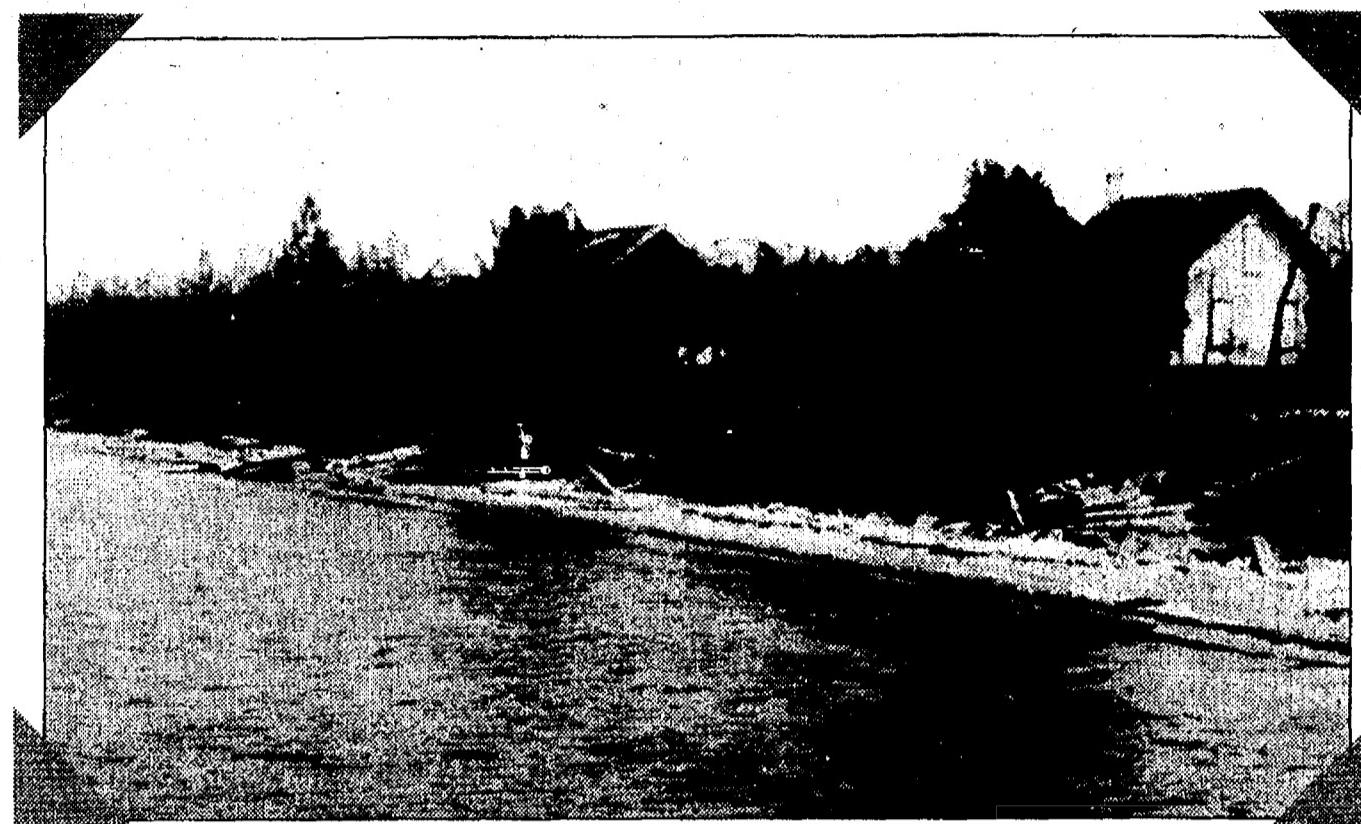
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# Historical Keepsake Edition

*A brief look at the history of Crawford County*



Portage Lake was proposed to be renamed Lake Margrethe- in honor of the Hansons' golden wedding anniversary- in the form of a letter to Margrethe Hanson from the State Military Board on September 13, 1917. However, it took over twenty years for the name change to become official.

Grayling became an incorporated village in 1903 and the first Council meeting was held on December 10, 1903 in the County Court House. On the right is a picture of the township supervisors meeting in the County Court House in 1918.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

The Young homestead, built around 1880 and later known as The Notch, was located where M-72 West intersects with the AuSable River. The Notch was described as a "once-notorious saloon and honkytonk," and noted as a fighting joint.

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It wasn't until March 1985 that the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation established comprehensive home care and hospice programs to serve those communities where a Mercy Hospital existed. This was a first step in designing what we now call a Community Healthcare System, where healthcare is provided in a variety of settings at home, in a clinic, hospital or nursing home, and in the doctor's office--this ensures that people receive the right care, in the right setting, at the right time.

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## The Notch was Grayling's center for entertainment in 1800s

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

When the last tree of the day has been cut, there is only one place to go for a healthy dose of booze and bar fights. For Grayling lumberjacks living in the late 1800s, this place is "The Notch," a bar that was filled with a rich history and shady clientele.

The structure, located where M-72 intersects with the AuSable River near where Skip's Sport Shop is located today, was built around 1880 by a Toledo man named Harry Young.

In 1931 the Four L Lumber News, a publication that was based out of Portland, Oregon, printed an article profiling the history of the early days of the business. It described the place as a "once-notorious saloon and honkytonk." In the article, writer Theresa Stevens submitted the following details about The Notch during its earliest years:

"Its reputation was far reaching and old-timers here still tell of Honkeytonk Jack, a livery horse of Grayling, who had been driven to the place so often that he simply couldn't pass the gate; he always would turn in. Sometimes the liveryman would let him out to young blood who took proper girls for a Sunday ride, and many's the embarrassing situation Honkeytonk Jack caused."

In the same article, lumber industry historian Jack Mahoney added the following details:

"If my memory serves me right, The Notch was run and managed by a lady known throughout Michigan as 'Pete' Kelly. The place was widely known and had a hard reputation. In 1891 'Pete' came to Newberry, Mich., and operated the resort owned by Hank Simple. This place, too, was later known as The Notch."

Old 'Pete' was a great character. She had the most profane tongue I ever heard, but she was a good scout...

The Grayling Notch was noted as a fighting joint. The lumberjacks fought, and there were matched dog-fights and cock-fights. They had women fighters, too. Grace Conhard, later of Seney, Mich., was one of the notable scrappers who performed...Silver Jack, Eight-Day Bill and other notorious characters used to hang out at The Notch."

Under Young's successors, Charles and Maude Blair, the establishment grew in notoriety. The Avalanche was not able to locate any record of exactly when the new owners took over, but since Mahoney's writings indicate a management change in 1891, it is plausible that this is when the Blairs came to be in possession of the establishment. By this time, the list of services offered by The Notch had expanded.

"What it was, really, was a dance hall and whorehouse," said Barbara Sojka, a Grayling resident and granddaughter of the house's former caretakers.

"The Blairs employed up to thirteen girls in as many rooms on the second floor," wrote the late Grayling resident Bill Joseph in an article he submitted to the Crawford County Museum about a decade ago.

Actually, it is possible that the establishment employed whores from its inception, although there is no mention of this practice in the Four L Lumber

News article, or in the writings of Kata Wolff, a more recent owner of the building who will be discussed in greater detail later.

Nonetheless, the Four L Lumber news and Wolff both appeared on the scene long after Blair had pushed the prostitution business into full gear. It is possible that neither knew that this activity took place at The Notch, but it is more likely that this particular detail was neglected out of politeness. If this is the case, then it is quite possible that Young was running whores even before Blair took over.

On the subject of the business's foggy history, it should also be noted that it is unlikely that it was always known as The Notch. In Bill Joseph's museum article, it is referred to as "The Blair House," and Barbara Sojka recalls that it was called "The Black Horse Inn."

Regardless of its name at any given time, the business did not last long after the lumber boom had ended. Its final death sentence was declared in 1913 when the first military encampment was established in Grayling.

"As there was some law about the operation of such a place within a certain distance of military grounds, (Blair) voluntarily closed the place," wrote Wolff. The building and property were purchased by Rasmus Hanson in 1920. After his death, it was sold to Herbert Wolff, vice-president of the American Car and Foundry Co., in 1930.

Herbert and his New Yorker family, including his Northern Michigan-born wife Kata, used the place as a summer home. The family discovered the remains of the old bar and dance floor, and Kata undertook the mission of restoring the property as a museum.

Kata's correspondence with the staff of the Four L Lumber News is now the most comprehensive source of information about the property, and it provided the research basis for this article.

"(Herbert Wolff) bought the place simply to maintain it historically," said Sojka. Her grandparents, Henry and Minnie Borchers, had been caretakers on the land since it was owned by Hanson.

"My brother and I spent every weekend that we could with our grandparents," said Sojka. "It was the highlight of our week when we were young."

The Wolfs amassed a huge collection of period items for their restoration project, including authentic beer bottles and old-time sheet music.

"Herbert Wolff had collected pictures from the lumber days," said Sojka. Kata Wolff wrote of other rare artifacts that were included, such as a deer head which she believed to be from the first deer killed by a European settler in Crawford County.

The Wolfs were fairly old by the time they acquired the property, however, and did not hold on to it for very long. The property was eventually sold and the building was destroyed. None of the sources contacted by The Avalanche were able to recall the exact date that The Notch was torn down, but Sojka said that she last visited the place in 1948 and that it was gone soon after.

"All I remember is coming home and learning that the building had been demolished," said Sojka.

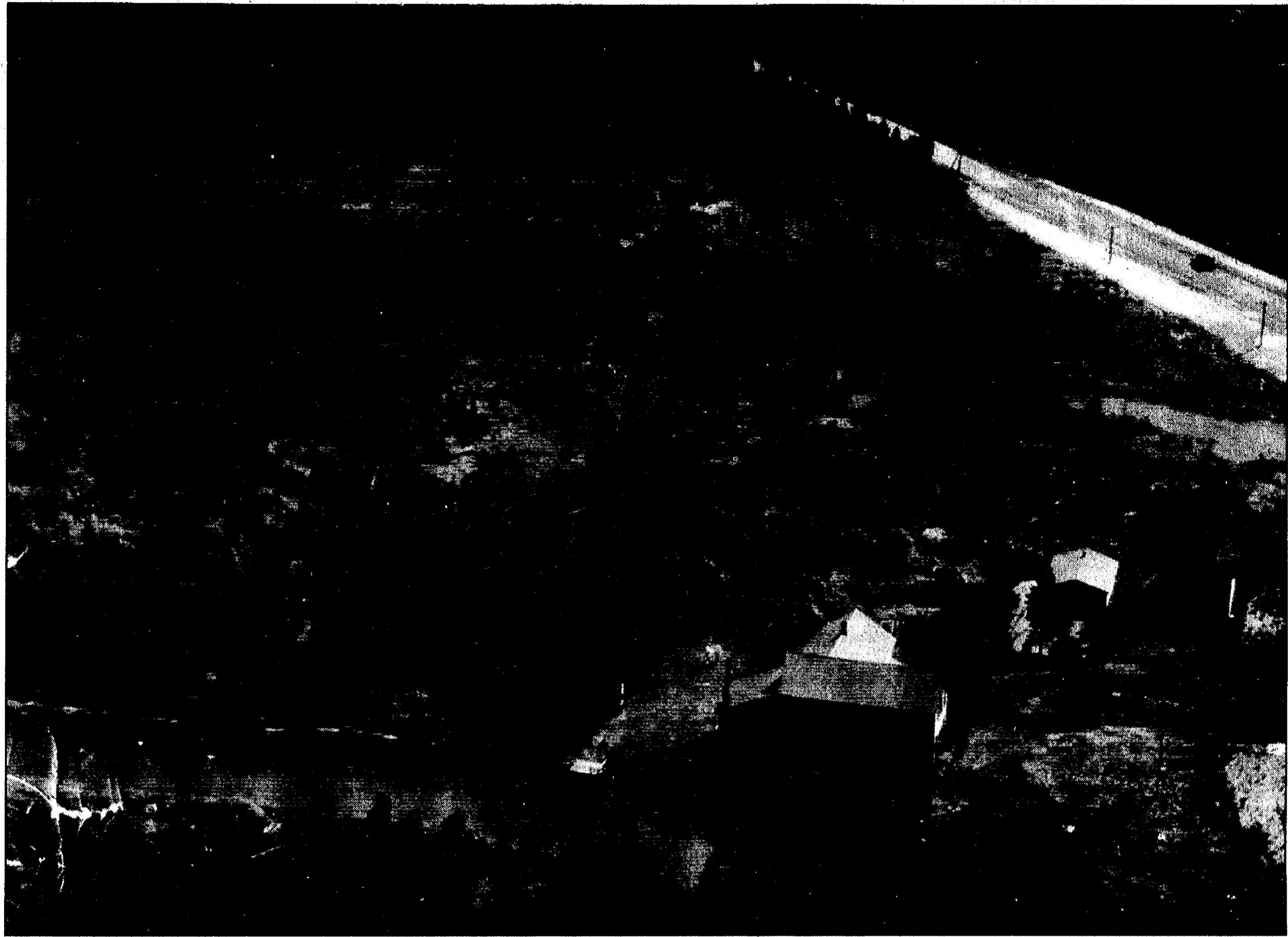


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The Notch, although formerly a hive of scum and villainy, became the Wolff family's private residence and museum in the 1930s. Barbara Sojka recalls Herbert Wolff: "He seemed to me that he was quite tall and a little on the thin side. He died when I was quite young."

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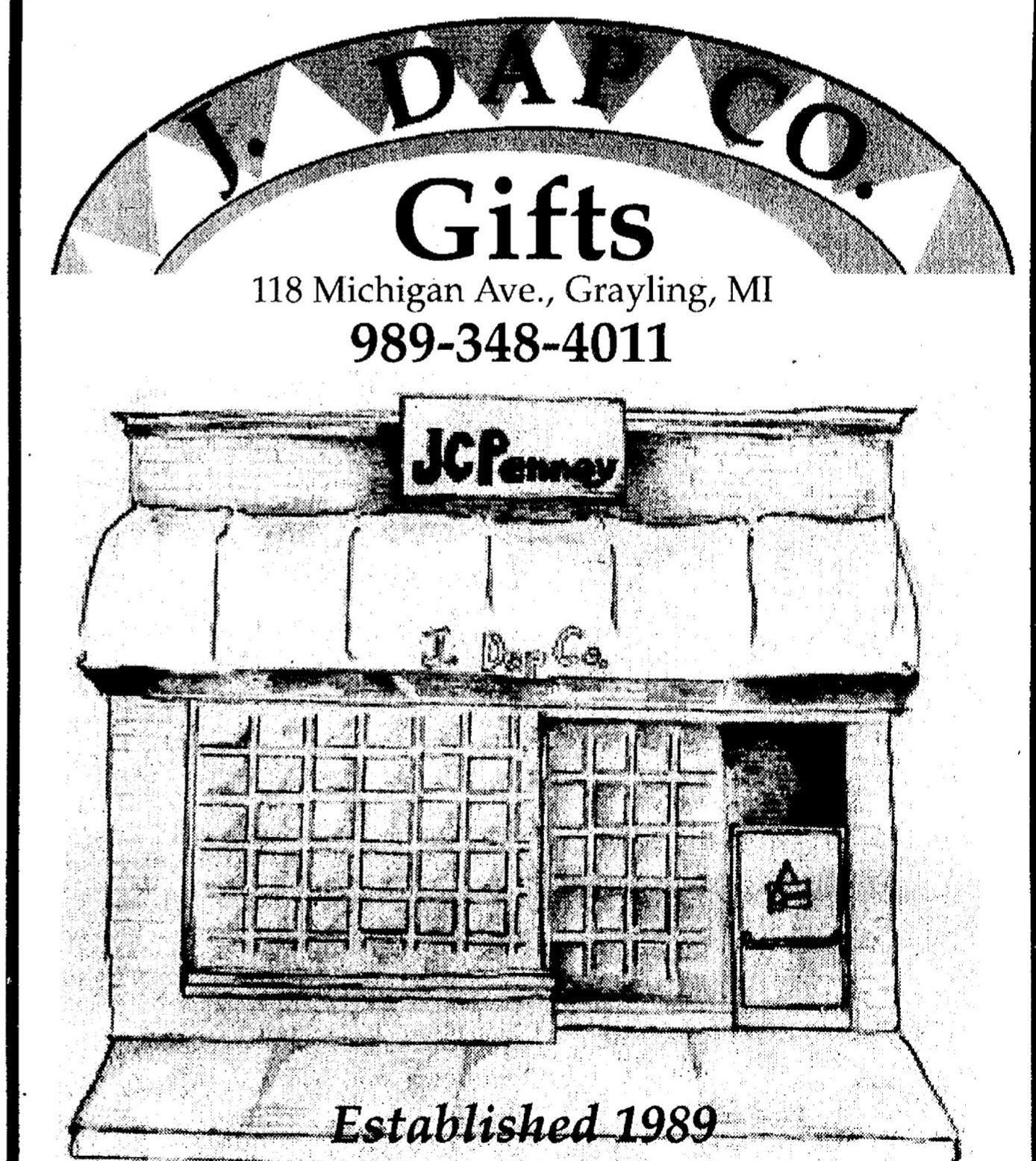
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# The City of Grayling, Your City Government

Reprinted from the Crawford County Avalanche, January 8 and 15, 1959, by Russell Carlson, City Manager.

The government of our city, like all other communities, had to have a beginning.

The city today has a great many more services to render than the communities at the turn of the 19th century when about the only employee they had in the smaller communities was the night watchman who patrolled the streets and halted every hour to inform the citizens that all was well to the present day police departments, from the pump and well beside each village house to the far flungwater system of the modern city of today, from no organization for public health purposes to the myriad of activities of the present health department today.

The City of Detroit in 1824 had 23 activities and in 1950 had grown to approximately 350, this number constitutes all of its activities in City government.

Municipal functions not only have increased in number but have changed in character. The development of modern science has made community services, water supply, criminal identification and tuberculosis, for example, increasingly more technical and less intelligible to the lay public, this compelling reliance on expert services and accentuating the importance of administration. Municipal powers in Colonial times were vested almost completely in a single body which combined legislative and executive functions.

Administrative duties were often carried out directly by Council Committees or in those few cases where a paid official

was needed to carry out such duties, he was appointed by and directly responsible to the Council or its Committees. Little change took place in this simple structure until long after the Revolutionary period. The Jacksonian Era however, with its demands for the democratization of the elective process, and of administration, brought about considerable modification.

Its most serious result, from the standpoint of administration was to take administrative officers from under control of the Council and to subject them to popular election.

The first office to be brought under popular control was naturally that of the Mayor. But the popular election of other officials, assessors, tax collectors, constables, and so forth soon followed. Though the long ballot did not reach its fullest development during this period, the theory on which it was founded was definitely part of the Jacksonian philosophy.

In the period from 1840 to 1900, the powers of the popularly elected Mayor steadily increased. Although his administration functions remained limited, he ordinarily shared the executive power with as many as seven or eight other elected officials, and such power of appointment as he had was subject to the confirmation of the Council.

The principle of the long ballot was continued in popularity beyond the middle of the Century and while it dissipated the power of the Mayor, for the time, it represented a strong tendency toward the separation of the legislative and administrative powers and functions.

Closely connected with this development was the increased use of Boards and

Commissions for the management of city departments. With the growth in the size of cities and the attendant increase in the volume and complexity of city business, the Council Committee system proved too clumsy and the general dissatisfaction with Council Committees led the preference in many cities for the administration of Municipal business by elective Boards. After the costly experience with the popular elections of such boards, however, cities took the next logical step, that of vesting the appointment of these officials in the Mayor, and by successive steps covering an interval of sixty years, the dominant influence of administration affairs passed from the Council to the Mayor.

Then began a new movement for consolidation and concentration of power. Legislators were not ready to restore Council control. Instead, the tendency was to confer more power upon the mayor with the aim of making him the responsible executive head of the City administration. At the same time, with abolition of certain boards, the legislation power of the Council was considerably broadened. Then, for the first time, City Governments seemed actually to have been molded in the pattern of the American National Government, but even this was a passing phase.

The division of the Council into two bodies fell into general disfavor. So also did the practice of having the Council or one Chamber thereof approve the Mayor's appointments. The resultant form of government was one in which a single chamber Council exercised only legislative and financial powers, and had no direct control over the administrative

officers, while an elected Mayor appointed and removed all important department heads through them, controlled the administration of the city.

Since the turn of the Century, two new innovations in local government organizations have been introduced. The first, the Commission form of government, combines both legislative and administrative functions in a single commission of from five to nine members. Serious weakness in this plan soon led to its modification by provision for a single chief administrative officer without legislative duties and directly responsible to a single legislative body - The City Council. This is the Council Manager form of government as it is known today.

I will now give an outline of the history of our city from the beginning of its first being platted and its first government up to date.

Grayling Township which embraced the entire of Crawford County was organized by the Board of Supervisors of Kalkaska County on January 5, 1875 and at that time belonged to Kalkaska County. Grayling Township was then divided into the present townships of Frederic, Maple Forest, Beaver Creek, South Branch, and Lovells on May 14, 1877. This was also done by the Kalkaska County Board of Supervisors.

Crawford County was then organized in 1879 and was detached from Kalkaska County.

On October 30, 1874 Mr. Henry A. Hayden, President, and Mr. Orlando M. Barnes, Secretary of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company filed with the auditor general's office of

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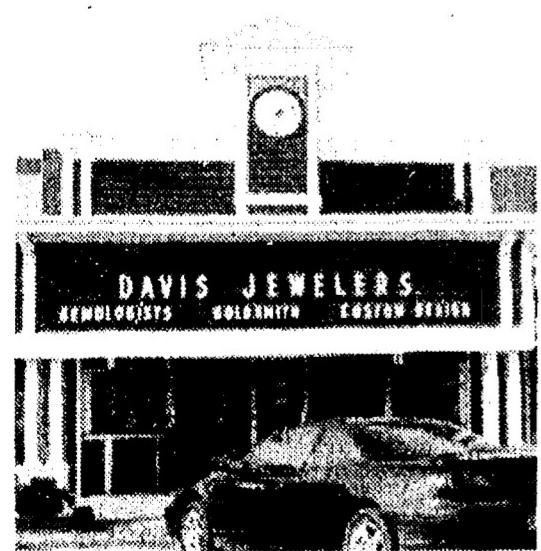
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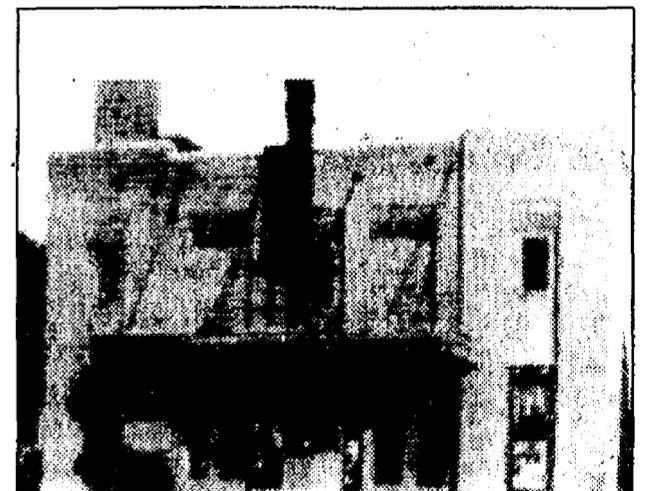
The fire that destroyed the original structure in April 1930 (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the projectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the mid 1950's, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over ownership and management of the Rialto until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

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At present the Rialto is owned by Geoffrey Bichler of Winter Park, FL. Mr. Bichler is a nephew of the founder. This historic theatre's day to day operation is carried out by Arnold Stancil, the founder's oldest grandson.

Recently improvements have been made including a new screen, new aisle & exit lighting, new carpeting, a new concession stand. Unfortunately, the prices



Rialto Theatre rebuilt and  
reopened in July 1930;  
new marquee installed  
in 1940

have increased "just a tad" from the 1920's but, let there be NO DOUBT, this Grayling landmark is still northern Michigan's best bargain for affordable family entertainment.

Thanks to our patrons the Rialto remains one of, if not the oldest, continuously run theatre operations in the United States.

# The City of Grayling, Your City Government

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Lansing the original plat which eventually became first, the Village of Grayling and now the City of Grayling.

The following plats were then recorded in the following order:

Goodales Addition, July 31, 1880  
Hadleys Amended, May 18, 1881  
Hadleys 2nd Add., Sept. 28, 1882  
O. M. Barnes Add., Dec. 27, 1882  
Roffees Addition, May 19, 1883  
Salling & Hanson Addition, Oct. 10, 1887

Hadleys 3rd Add., June 20, 1888  
Jenson Addition, July 3, 1888  
Martha M. Brinks, July 11, 1889

Chalkers Add., March 8, 1890

This area and the balance of the township was governed by the Township Board of Grayling Township until it was organized into a village by the Board of Supervisors of Crawford County under Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895.

To become a village under this Act and be incorporated it must be an area of at least 3/4 square mile and not less than 250 persons. This requirement was easily met and the Village of Grayling was incorporated in 1903 and held their first Council meeting on December 10, 1903 in the County Court House.

The following persons were the first Village officers and held office until the first regular election in March of 1904: T. W. Hanson, President; John K. Hanson, Trustee; Stewart Sickler, Trustee; J. M. Jones, Trustee; John A. Everett, Trustee; R. D. Connine, Trustee; William McCullough Sr., Trustee and President Protem; Marius Hanson, Treasurer; Frank S. Burgess, Assessor; Lucien Fournier, Clerk; Thomas Nolan,

Village Marshal; Julius Nelson, Street Commissioner; Stanley N. Insley, Health Officer.

The first ordinance adopted by the village was on February 1, 1904 to regulate and license hawkers and peddlers and shows and so forth. On the same meeting they also passed an ordinance to regulate, control and impound any animals running at large in the village. Many ordinances followed as needs required for control.

During this time two more Plats were recorded, Madsen Addition, October 20, 1905 and Martha Brinks 2nd Addition on April 14, 1906.

A complete revision of all the ordinances made and adopted from the beginning of the new village until 1916 was made and some additions to existing ordinances were completed. Thirty ordinances for Community Control were made on June 5, 1916 and became effective on June 27, 1916.

A revision was made again in 1947 and many of the old ordinances were repealed and some were incorporated in the revised ones. A total of 45 ordinances had been adopted to this time and were consolidated into 16 on September 1, 1947.

The Village Council at its inauguration in 1903 had been operating what is called a general law village and served very well until 1934 when many work projects were being proposed under Federal Works program and it became increasingly evident something would have to be done to expedite the operations and the necessary correspondence relative to bond issues, engineering of the various projects being sponsored by the Village

of Grayling.

The Village Council on August 22, 1934 entertained Mr. Herbert Olson of the Michigan Municipal League who outlined to the members of the Council the advantages of a Village Manager.

The members of the Village Council at the time were:

Dr. Clarence G. Clippert, President; E. L. Sparkes, Clerk; Roy O. Milnes, Trustee; Arnold L. Roberts, Trustee; Albert S. Burrows, Trustee; Merle F. Nellist Trustee; Nelson O. Corwin; Trustee; Jesse Schoonover, Trustee; and Thomas Cassidy, Trustee.

Two weeks later on September 4, 1934, Mr. C. A. Miller was hired as Superintendent of Village affairs. Mr. Miller served in this capacity until June 3, 1935.

On March 1, 1935, the Charter Commission was elected by a 246 to 101 vote in favor of studying and drafting a charter under the Home Rule Act enacted by the State Legislature to provide for the corporation of cities and for revising and amending their Charters. It is known as Act 279 P. A. 1909.

The Charter Commission who worked on the drafting of the Charter and offered it to the people of Grayling for their consideration were as follows:

Albert L. Roberts, Roy O. Milnes, Merle F. Nellist, Alfred Hanson, A. J. Joseph, Emil Giegling, T. P. Peterson, O. P. Schumann, and Claude Keyport.

These men completed their work on May 3, 1935. The Charter was approved by the Governor on May 6, 1935 and approved by the people of Grayling on May 27, 1935 and went into effect on June 3, 1935.

The new members of the City Council just approved were:

Jesse Schoonover, Frank Sales, Roy O. Milnes, Chris W. Olsen and Carl Jenson.

On their first meeting on June 3, 1935, Chris W. Olsen was chosen Mayor and Jesse Schoonover was chosen Mayor Pro tem. Mr. C. A. Miller was then chosen as the City of Grayling's first City Manager and served the city until June 1, 1936. Mr. Miller left Grayling to move to a larger community, Kingsford, Michigan.

Mr. George A. Granger was appointed to the position of City Manager on May 25, 1936 to become effective on June 1, 1936. Mr. Granger served the city until December 1, 1947. Mr. Granger had accepted the position of City Manager of Big Rapids, Michigan to become effective on December 1, 1947.

Mr. Maxwell Davenport was then appointed to the Manager position and served the community until December 1952 when he had accepted the City Manager position at Cadillac, Michigan.

The writer of this article, Russell Carlson, served as City Manager from February 1, 1953 through December 1961. He stated that "The City Charter which was adopted in May 1935 is a very good and operative Charter and embodies many of the good things of City Charters and in my personal opinion does not have some of the undesirable features of many Charters which hamper functioning of both the Council and the City Manager."

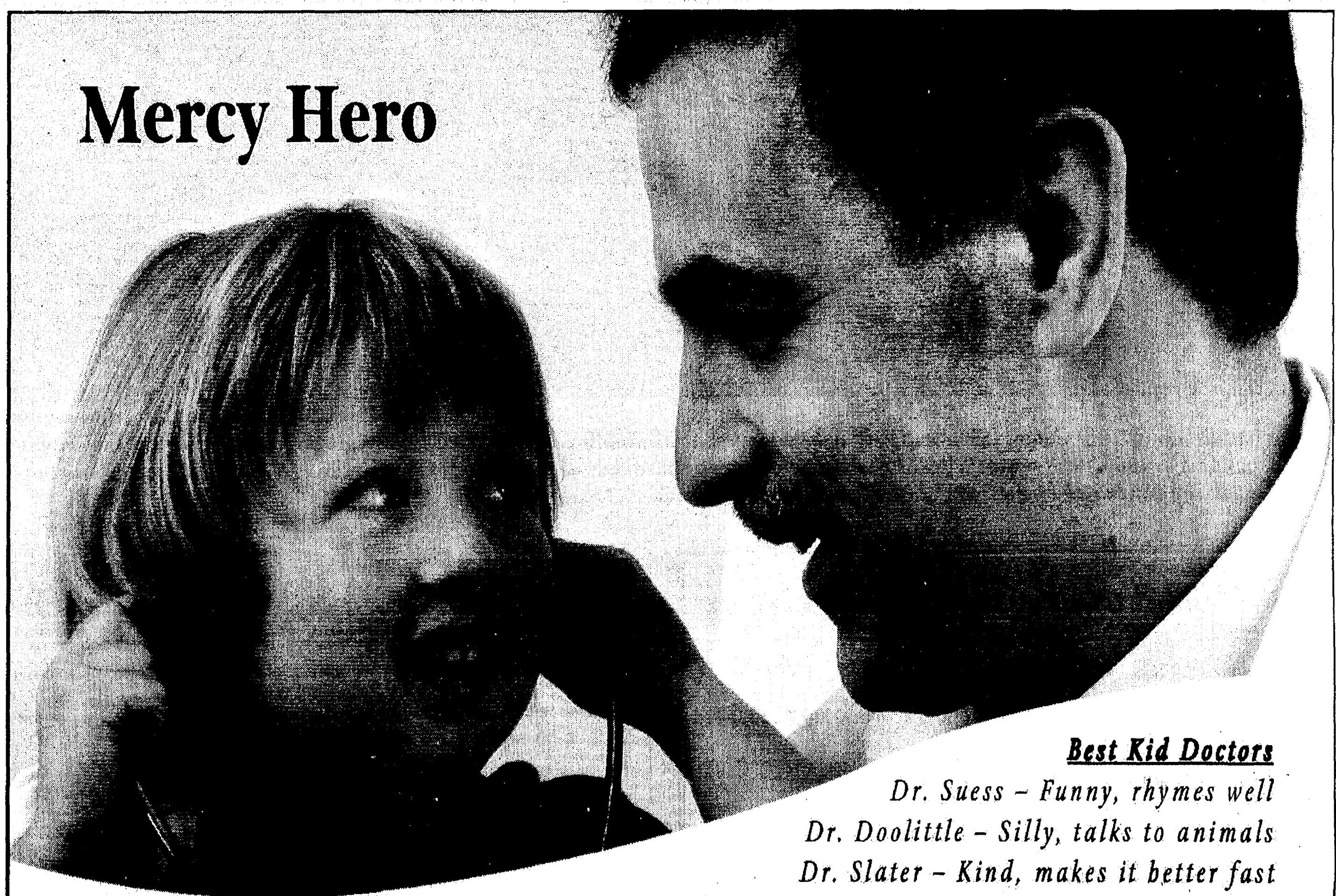
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Chris W. Olsen - June 3, 1935 until April 12, 1937;

George Burke - April 12, 1937 until

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April 14, 1947;

Edwin Carlson - May 5, 1947 until October 6, 1947;  
Robert Hayes - November 13, 1947 until April 11, 1949;

Albert Roberts - May 2, 1949 until July 10, 1950;  
George Burke - July 17, 1950 until April 9, 1951;  
Albert Roberts - April 23, 1951 until April 4, 1957;  
Emil Giegling - April 29, 1957 until April 13, 1959;  
Don Gothro - May 25, 1959 until April 6, 1961.  
Bert McWilliams - April 13, 1961 until August 20, 1962;  
Emil Giegling - September 10, 1962 until October 8, 1962;  
Ralph Hoffman - October 17, 1962 until June 10, 1963;

Larry McNamara - July 22, 1963 until January 27, 1964;

John Cook - February 24, 1964 until April 10, 1967;  
Alfred Sorenson - April 17, 1967 until December 30, 1968;

Earl Broadbent - January 21, 1969 until March 31, 1969;

Derek McEvers - April 28, 1969 until July 9, 1979;  
Gordon Thompson - July 30, 1979 until October 12, 1987;

Robert Golnick - October 26, 1987 until November 10, 1997;

Ralph Stevens - November 10, 1997 until November 8, 1999;

Marilyn Palmer - November 8, 1999 until November 12, 2001;

David Wyman - November 12, 2001 until November 10, 2003;

Joe Ferrigan - November 10, 2003 until present.

## Managers for the City of Grayling

C.A. Miller - June 3, 1935 until June 1, 1936;  
George A. Granger - June 1, 1936 until December 1, 1947;  
Maxwell Davenport - January 1948 until December 1952;  
Russ Carlson - February 1953 until December 1961;  
Harold Cliff - January 1962 until October 1968;  
William Valusek - December 1968 until June 1972;  
Jerry Morford - June 1972 until October 1999;  
Allen Lowe - January 2000 until present.



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In the background of this photo, taken less than a decade after the formation of Crawford County, is the construction of the Grayling School building in 1883. Also shown is the Michelson house which still stands on the corner of Peninsular and Ogemaw streets. Grayling's first regular election of city leaders still wouldn't take place for another 21 years, in 1904.

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"A Guide in the right direction"

# The search for Lake Margrethe

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

Joe Porter can still remember when Lake Margrethe wasn't called Lake Margrethe.

"In the thirties people still called it Portage Lake," Porter said.

During a meeting of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, of which Porter is president, a question arose as to when the name of the lake was officially changed from Portage to Margrethe.

"I thought it would be an easy question to answer," Porter said.

It wasn't.

Porter, along with fellow investigators, began a quest to find out the date when

the name of the lake was officially changed. A year later, they have an answer...sort of.

"We wanted to find out the exact date so we could hold special celebrations on the birthdate of Lake Margrethe," Porter said.

The first mention of the lake's proposed name change was on September 13, 1917 - the Hansons' golden wedding anniversary - in the form of a letter to Margrethe Hanson from the State Military Board:

"In token of the love and esteem in which you are held by the officers and men of the Michigan National Guard, and in order to perpetuate in connection with the magnanimous gift of the Hanson

State Military Reservation by your esteemed husband to the State of Michigan...the State Military Board...adopted a resolution changing the name of Portage Lake to that of Lake Margrethe, and it will hereafter be known as such."

This letter, from State Military Recorder John Bersey, was not the end of the name-change story. Maps in the 1930's still referred to the lake as Portage Lake, whereas maps in the 1940's showed it as Lake Margrethe.

The paper trail - composed mostly of letters between state agencies - show that a series of miscommunications led to the twenty plus years it took for the lake to finally earn the name of Margrethe on

area maps. Using excerpts of old Crawford County Avalanche articles kept on file by Louis Ward, and historical information provided by Hanson heir Chris Frank, Porter set out to discover when the name change became a reality.

On October 2, 1929, 12 years after Bersey's letter, the lake's name was meant to be officially changed by way of a decision by the U.S. Geographic Board. However, two years after this decision, the Secretary of the Geographic Board stated that there never had been a decision made.

"It seemed the part of the problem was they were talking about the wrong Portage Lake," Porter said.

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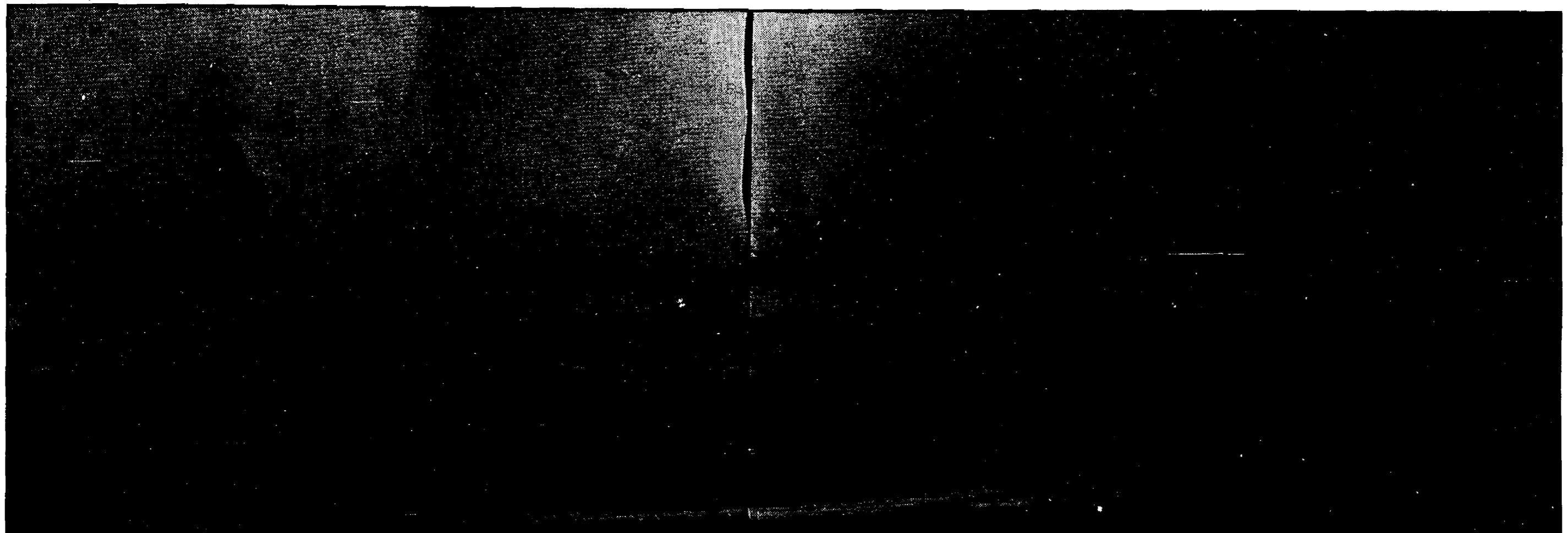


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When this 1928 photograph was taken, Lake Margrethe was still commonly called Portage Lake. It was sometimes identified as Portage Lake even into the late 1930's.

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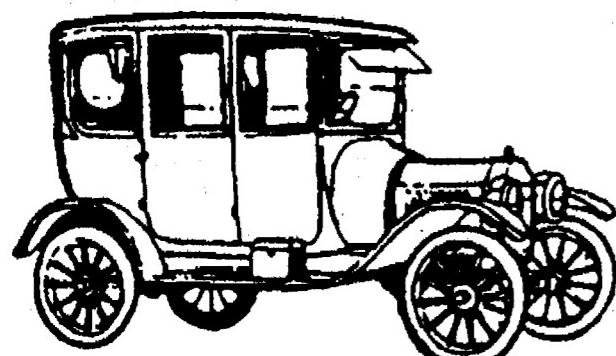
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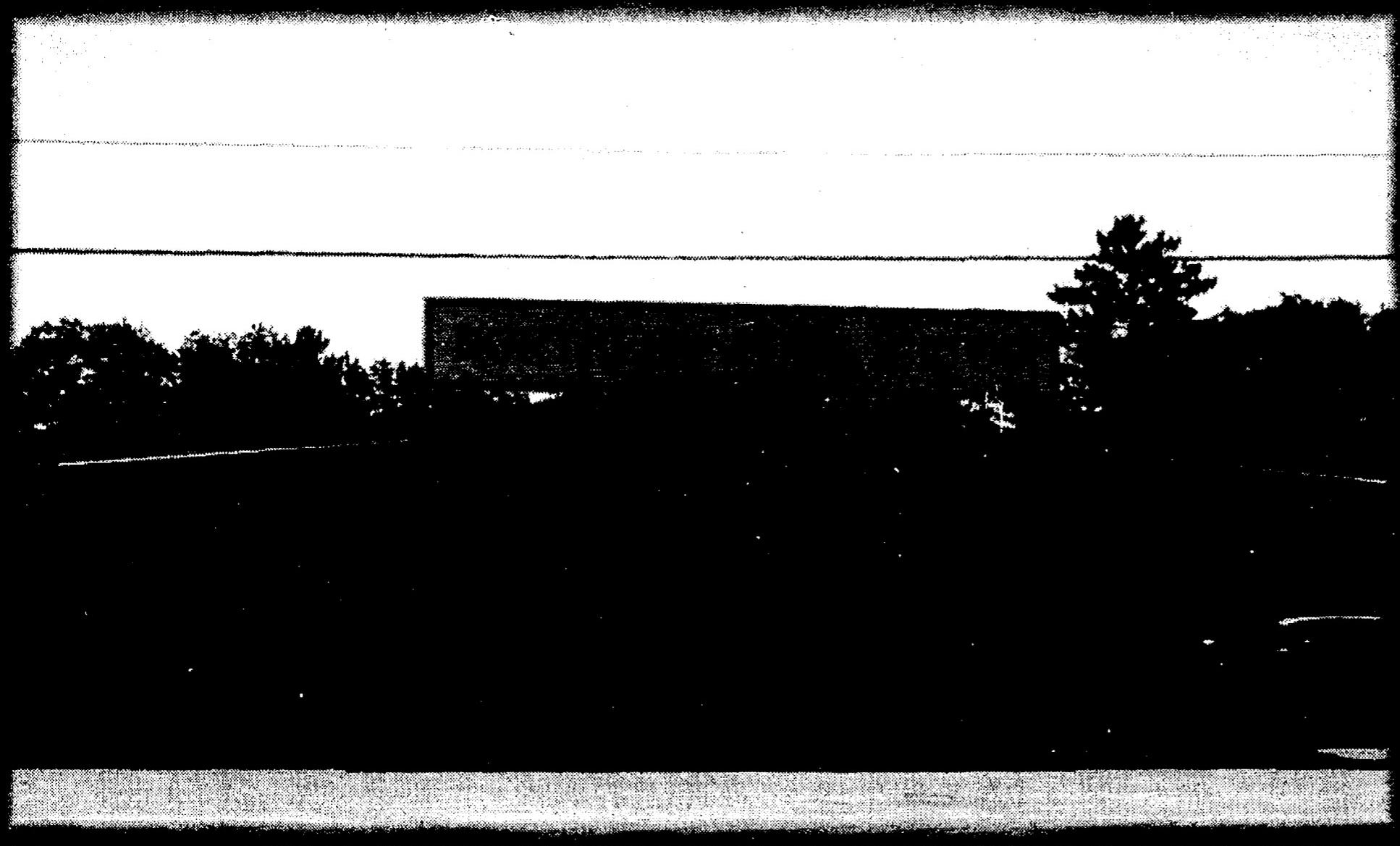
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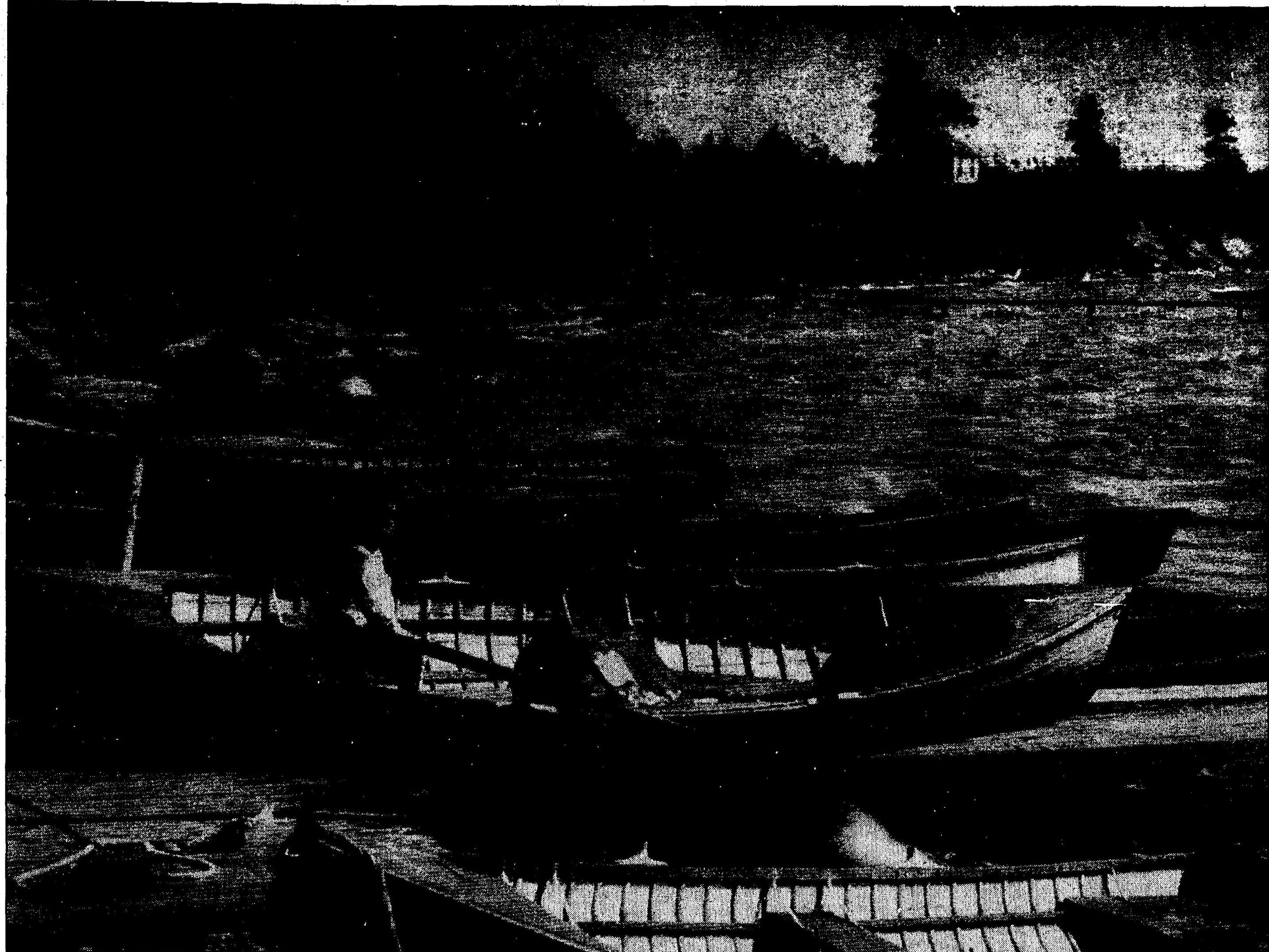
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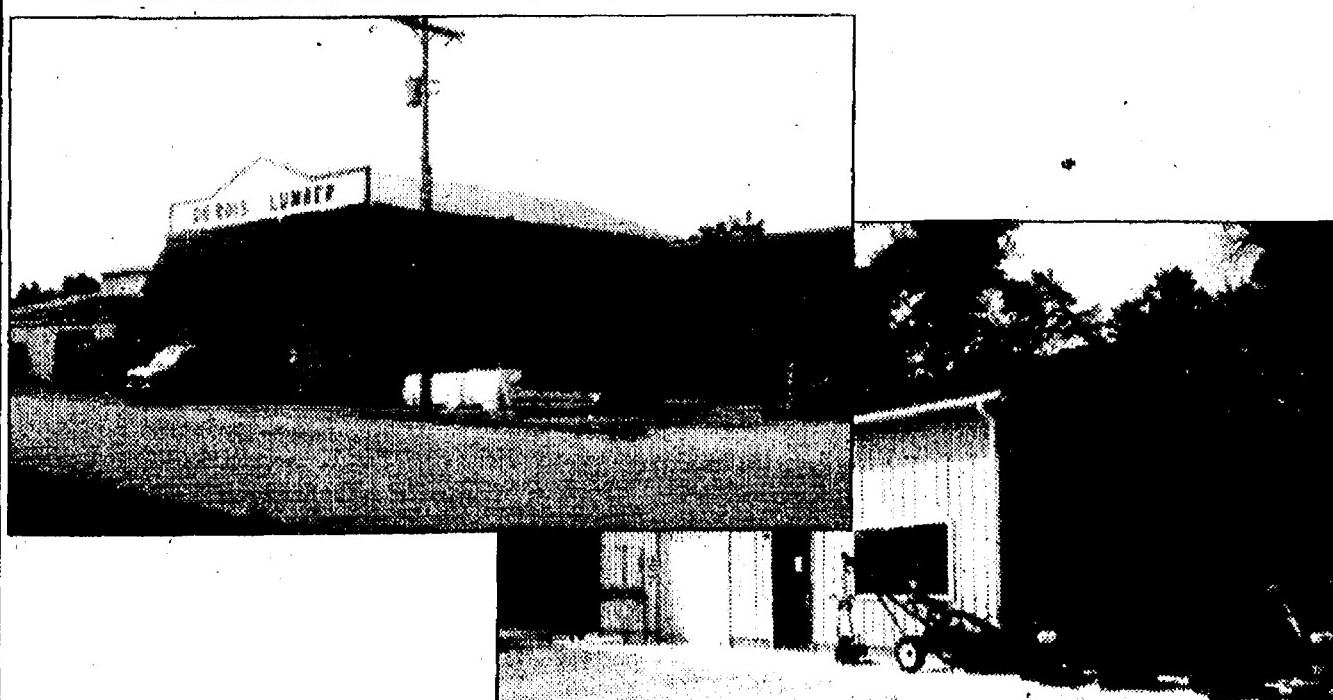
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# The search for Lake Margrethe

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A 1929 letter from the Secretary of the United States Geographic Board illustrates this confusion:

"The U.S. Geographic Board on October 2, adopted the name Margrethe for the lake in Houghton County, Michigan, between Keewenaw Bay and Lake Superior."

Indeed, a decision had been made, but on the wrong lake.

Bersey, upon hearing this, offered this wry advice:

"The military authorities of Michigan have no interest in changing the name of Portage Lake in Houghton County."

This was quickly corrected in a letter from U.S. Geographic Board Secretary William Barnes:

"I regret very much the error as to the location of the Portage Lake...I had just spent some days on the Portage Lake in Houghton County and I took it for granted that was the county meant and made the change without questioning whether there was more than one Portage Lake in your state."

This correction, however, never found its way to Crawford County – the lake's home. In a 1934 letter to the U.S. Geographic Board, Crawford County Clerk Axel Peterson stated that the county had no official records of this change.

"We would like to have an official record showing that this lake was changed from Portage Lake to Lake Margrethe, if this is true," wrote Clerk Peterson.

"It took a while for the rest of the world to catch up with the change. On February 11, 1931, John J. Cameron, secretary for the U.S. Geographic Board, wrote that the name of the lake was Portage and that the name was at least a century old," Porter said.

Potter added that in 1934 some signs leading to the lake referred to it as Portage, others as Margrethe.

Out of all the dates, Porter prefers the September 13, 1917 date to celebrate the birthdate of Lake Margrethe, even though the official date does seem to be October 2, 1929.

"I like the idea of a birthdate," Porter said.

And, accompanying this search, is a lost treasure of

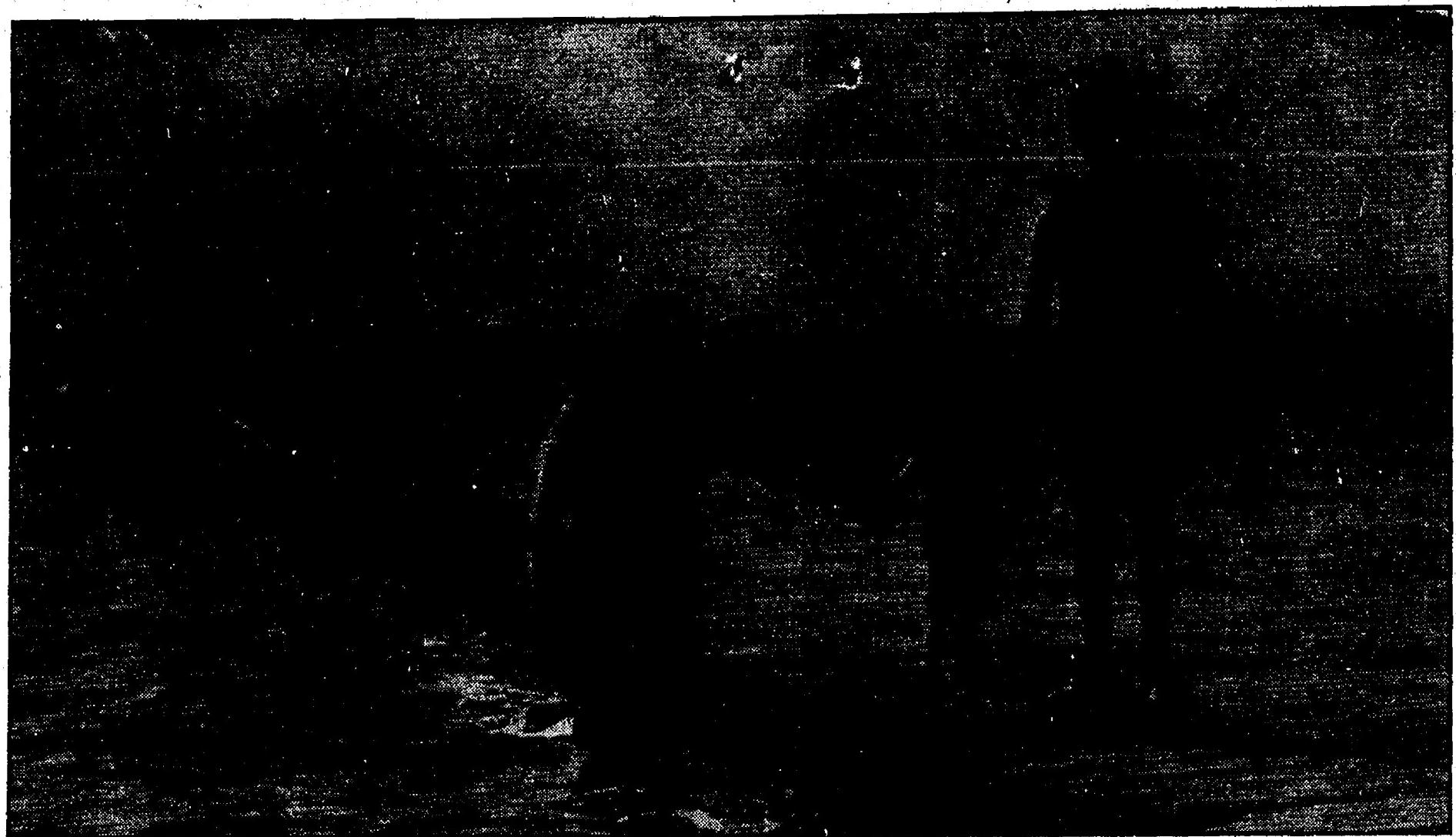


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**From left: Clarence Haugh, Virginia Hanson and Tee Hanson enjoy the water on the lake. Portage Lake was named after a practice of Native Americans who would portage usually canoes from the lake to the Manistee River.**

sorts:

In 1917, Mr. And Mrs. Hanson were enjoying their fiftieth wedding day at their cottage on what was then Portage Lake when the military authorities at the Hanson Reservation decided to throw the couple a party celebrating the events. Mr. Hanson was ordered to attend.

"I've always made it a business to obey orders," Hanson reportedly responded.

The officers formally opened their new club house – a gift from Mr. Hanson – and in the club house held the celebration, with music furnished by the 32nd regimental orchestra. The following night, the Hansons were presented with a solid gold plate inscribed as such:

"Greetings: From the Officers of the Michigan National Guard to their friend Rasmus Hanson, in appreciation of the many courtesies extended to them, culminating in the splendid gift of the officer's club house, September 7, 1917."

The plate is described as being 6.5 inches wide, with a floral wreath border. Hanson's initials and the date of their marriage are also on there.

Shortly after the presenting of the plate Mrs. Hanson received Bersey's letter indicating that they would honor her and her husband by changing the name of Portage Lake, thus beginning the story.

"If someone had that plate, that would really be something. I'd like to see it," Porter said.



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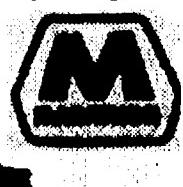
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COLLEN TOURIST CAMP - PORTAGE LAKE.  
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This photograph, taken in 1932, indicates that Collen Tourist Camp at Portage Lake was a popular center for tourist activity. The camp was located where one first sees the lake on the big curve on present day Margrethe Boulevard.

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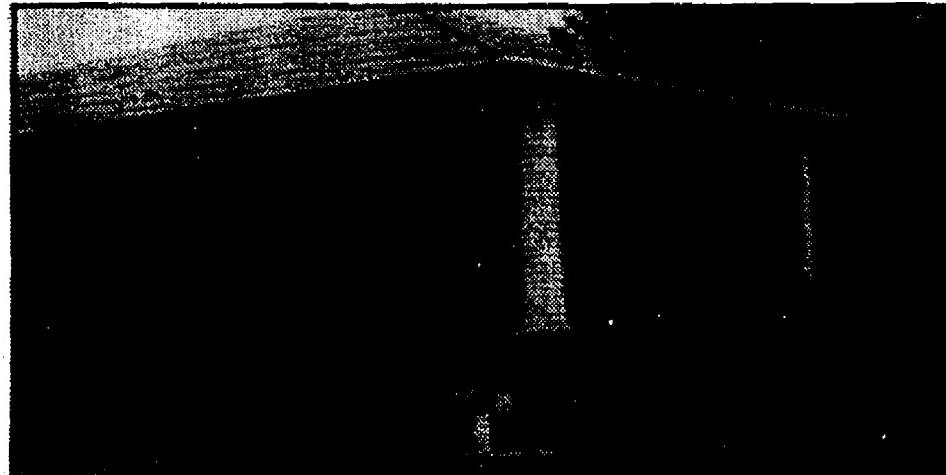
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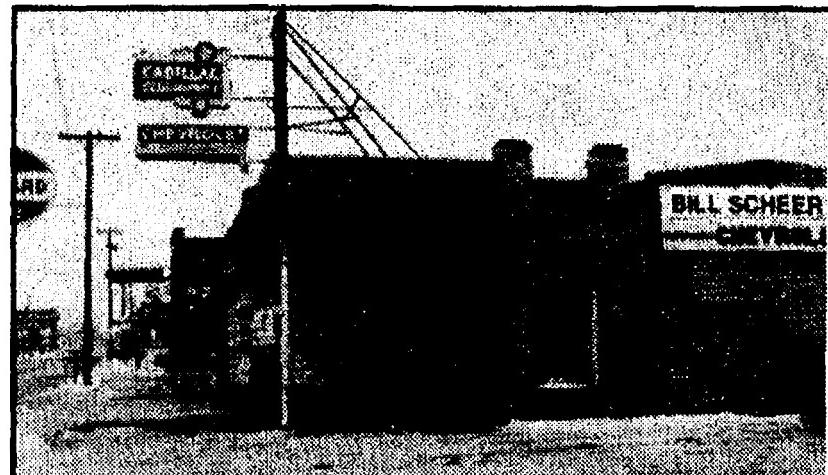
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Rasmus Hanson and family enjoy a Sunday outing on Portage Lake in 1910. The vessel, stocked with wood from Hanson's mill, was one of the first steam powered boats in the area.

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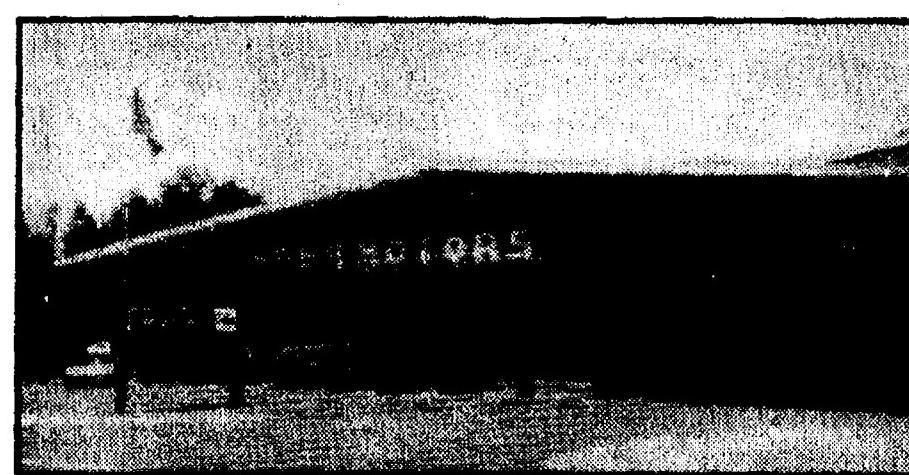
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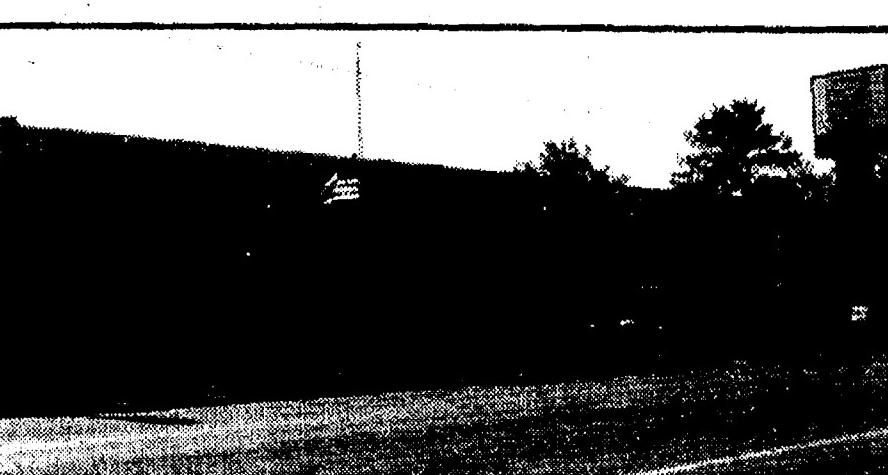
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